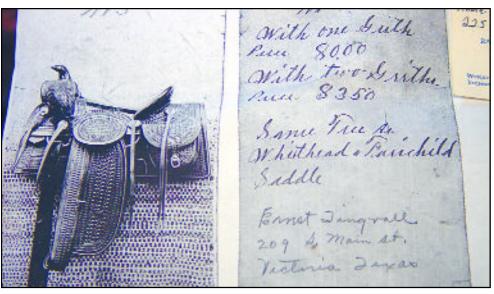


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Heat, humidity a curse of Louisiana saddle leather

All across Louisiana there are saddles sitting in the barn ready to strap onto the state's 200,000 horses used for working cattle, racing and recreation.

That's a lot of saddles but the wet and humid weather here takes its toll on saddle leather. Without proper care a saddle's leather will crack and crumble and quickly become old before its time.

Roy Stewart of Zachary says in the Louisiana climate saddles need a good oiling at least once a year. Most of Stewart's work is on saddles of recent vintage although he has some in his shop that are more than a hundred years old, testimony to the age a saddle can reach if it is well cared for.

Stewart comes to saddle repair naturally. He rodeoed for many years and saddle repair is an extension of his love for all things dealing with horses.

"I've been riding and fooling with horses all my life. Not being able to afford to hire a lot of repair work done, I did most of it myself. I've always enjoyed it. It kind of worked into a hobby and now I plan on doing it to supplement my retirement when I retire," Stewart

His clientele is broad from his rodeo years and more recently from folks he has met in a master horsemen class at LSU.

Stewart's saddle inventory includes what are broadly known as the Western saddle. "These can be cutting saddles or roping saddles. I get pleasure saddles and barrel racing saddles, but they all fit into what we call a western type saddle.

"I've done a bit of work on English saddles. But that is a completely different ball game. They are made up differently, different leather and a number of other things," he said.

His most unusual saddles waiting on repairs are antique U.S. Army McClellan saddles from when the ground soldier's only mode of rapid travel was the horse.

Other than for ceremonial purposes, the Army last used the horse in wartime in its Calvary regiments during World War I, which ended in 1918. With motorized vehicles, the mounted horse soldier fast became a relic, closing out an era that spanned thousands of years.

Stewart had two of the McClellan saddles in his shop in December. They have a distinctive **See Saddle repairman, page 2**



A finely-tooled saddle from about 1900 sold for \$80. Today the saddle would go for \$4,000 (above left). Saddle repairman Roy Stewart stands in front of his saddle rack in his shop near Zachary and works at his heavy-duty sewing machine (below).



Agriculture & Forestry Today with Commissioner Bob Odom

Both houses of Congress gave approval to a \$3.1 billion crop disaster assistance measure and sent it to President Bush on Valentine's Day for his signature.

Producers who sustained losses totaling more than 35 percent of normal yield in either 2001 or 2002 are eligible to apply for the money.

Commissioner of Agriculture and Forestry Bob Odom said it was welcome news.

"We're glad that our state delegation helped out with the package and that assistance has come after the drought, hurricanes and heavy rains we've been through," Odom said.

According to data from the LSU AgCenter, overall crop losses from weather in 2002 totaled \$510 million. In 2001, losses were calculated at \$265 million from Hurricane Allison and subsequent rains.

"It's going to help out a variety of producers, mainly sugarcane, cotton, grain and sweet potato farmers, but the bottom line is that it ultimately benefits the consumer, who will still have safe, low-cost food and fiber products."

However, rice farmers, who were hurting before Hurricane Lili and Tropical Storm Isidore, will receive nothing from this aid measure.

"I've got to say I'm discouraged by what's happened to the rice farmers because they have already suffered great economic loss," Odom said.

"Our congressional delegation tried to get help for the rice produc-

Both houses of Congress gave and that assistance has come after mately benefits the consumer, who ers, but were unable to," he said.
In a procedural issue, Odom said

"But it's vital that the administration support this measure because many producers in Louisiana may not be able to continue without this relief," Odom said.

The measure calls for roughly \$60 million to sugarcane farmers, but exact figures for sweet potato farmers have not been determined yet

Cotton farmers will be eligible for money because the measure includes losses in 2001 as well as 2002.

he was concerned that the money apparently is coming from funds set aside for future farm bill spending.

"It's not a good precedent. It may take money away from important programs like conservation. The administration needs to start preparing for disaster relief for farmers on a regular basis," Odom said.

Farmers should contact their local FSA office for more information about disaster assistance.



McClellan saddles: Calvary's final charge

In April 1855, six years before the start of the Civil War, Capt. George B. McClellan sailed to Europe to study the latest developments in European tactics, weaponry, and logistics.

McClellan's focus was on the organization of engineer troops and Calvary. After the tour, which lasted a year and included observing battles of the Crimean War, McClellan brought back almost 100 books and manuals from which he wrote a proposed manual for American cavalry, adapted from Russian cavalry regulations. He designed a cavalry saddle that was a modification of a Hungarian model used in the Prussian Service but also included features found in Mexican and Texan saddles.

Under U.S. Secretary of War (and future president of the Confederacy) Jefferson Davis, the Army held field trials to find the most practical and efficient equipment for the Calvary and Dragoons. In addition to the saddle developed by McClellan, a number of other styles were considered including the standard service Grimsley, the Hope, Campbell and a Jones "adjustable tree" saddle.

The "horn" of the Hope saddle was undesirable for a military saddle and construction of the Campbell and Grimsley saddles used large amounts of leather and brass, increasing both cost and weight.

The serviceability and low cost of McClellan's entry into the competition led to its adoption by the U.S. War Department in 1859 as the standard-issue Calvary saddle. The saddle was light enough not to burden the horse, but sturdy enough to give good support to the rider and his gear.

During the Civil War nearly a half million were produced and the McClellan saddle remained the military's basic issue saddle for the next 80 years. In a footnote to history, although McClellan designed the tactics and saddle for the U.S. Calvary, he never spent a day in the Calvary.

The saddle supported a rawhide-covered "open-tree" seat, which allowed one of three sizes to comfortably fit most horses, a thick leather skirt, wooden stirrups, and a girth strap made of woolen yarn. Added accessories to the saddle often included a nose bag for horse feed, a curry comb to groom the horse, a picket pin and lariat to tether the horse while grazing, saddlebags, and a "thimble" that held the muzzle of the cavalryman's carbine.

During the Civil War, on the Confederate side, cavalrymen enlisted with their own horses and civilian saddles. In time the Confederacy issued the Jenifer saddle. But when Southerners' horses grew thin because of the inadequate food supply, the Jenifer saddle became painful to the bony withers of the horses.

In 1863 the Confederate army issued a knockoff of the lighter and better-contoured McClellan saddle to its cavalry. Because leather was scarce in the South during the Civil War, many of the McClellan saddles had skirts of painted canvas.

After the Civil War the McClellan saddle went through a number of modifications. Budgetary concerns and the huge stockpile of saddles in inventory ensured that it remained in service despite several recommendations that it be replaced. The Model 1904 and Model 1913 McClellan saddles were again produced in large numbers during World War I and remained in service until the Army disbanded its mounted units just before World War II.

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and unusual look with no saddle horn, only straps attached to the stirrups and a characteristic open split down the length of the seat of the saddle. "There are not many of the McClellan saddles around anymore. The lady that brought them in dated one around 1917. The other one was back from the 1880s."

He also has a western saddle probably from the early 1900s. "I've got a picture of the saddle in the original form from a catalog. The catalog lists the saddle at \$80 with one girth and \$83.50 with two girths. This particular saddle was made in Victoria, Texas. The same saddle today, the same quality, the price today on that saddle would cost you over \$4,000."

His shop is chocked full of equipment, an oil vat, sewing machines, fancy leather stamping tools, edging machinery, a cutting table and a saddle rack with nine saddles this day awaiting repairs.

His most common repair job is stirrups. "That's the part of the saddle that gets most of the stress



along with the rigging underneath. The boys that rope cattle put a good bit of stress on the rigging."

There's also cleaning and oiling, replacing sheep skin under the skirts, recovering saddle horns which get a lot of wear and tear from ropes, and stamping for fancy leather decorations.

Oil is the key to keeping saddle leather, like that on the antique McClellan saddles, fresh and supple.

"Leather is a natural product, of course. If you don't keep it cleaned and oiled, the humidity pulls the oil out of the leather and then it is set up to mildew and dry rot."

At least once a year, a saddle needs to be oiled. And 100 percent neetsfoot oil is his oil of choice.

"Neetsfoot oil is made from cooking down cow bones. You are putting back into the leather pretty much a completely natural product. I've been taught all my life and experience has proved it. If you use a petroleum-based oil it will dry out and crack the leather rather than preserving it like neetsfoot oil does."





Roy Stewart prepares an 1880s McClellan saddle for cleaning, oiling and new leather straps, (top left, clockwise). He has a dozen stamps for different tooling effects in leather. With hammer he drives in tacks on a saddle repair and begins the strap cutting process on his cutting board.

CATTLE

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- (2) Reg. Brangus bulls, 12 mos., excel. bloodlines, gentle disp., shots, \$1000; (2) open heifers & (5) bred heifers, \$1000-\$2000, can be seen at www.dirtybootsranch.com. Norman Young, Mamou, 70554; (337) 468-3783 or (337) 258-2526.
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Reg. Charolais bull, gentle, 4 yrs., calves to show, calving ease, \$1500. Scott Saizan, Port Barre, 70577; (337) 585-2269.

Blk. Angus bull, DOB 9/5/01, very tame, Cameron Parish champ. 2003, \$1500 or trade for another Angus bull. Kelly Cline, Grand Lake, 70607; (337) 598-4054 or (337) 842-8618.

Reg. Brangus bull, 5 ½ yrs., very gentle, w/excel. EPD's for low birth wt., \$1200. Wayne Mouton, Erath, 70510; (337) 937-6118

Brangus & Angus replacement heifers, bred 4 & 5 mos. to low birth wt. reg. Angus bulls, large frames, very gentle, \$750/1. Ralph Robinson, Ida, 71044; (318) 284-3530.

Pb reg. Gelbvieh bull, 2 ½ yrs., very gentle, \$950. David Schexnayder, Clinton, 70722; (225) 683-4676.

Reg. Braford bulls & heifers, top quality bloodlines, out of the leading sires in the U.S., embryo transfer calves also avail., \$1000/1-up. Marvin Marmande, Jr., Theriot, 70360; (985) 868-2312.

Reg. Simmental & Simbrah cattle, heifers, bulls & pairs, \$650/1-up. B. G. Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

Reg. Jersey heifers, due to calve 3/15/03 to reg. Jersey bull, \$1200/1. Delos Thompson, Folsom, 70437; (985) 796-9872.

Replacement heifers, bred & exposed to Angus bulls, \$700/1-up; reg. Angus bulls, \$1200/1-up. Ed O'Neal, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 463-8665 or (337) 463-3946.

Reg. Braford bulls & heifers, champ. bloodlines, gain test leaders, heifers, \$700/1; 2 yr. bulls, \$1500. Fred Elsing, Alexandria, 71306; (318) 442-0741 or (318) 447-1145.

Jersey heifer, DOB 12/12/01, halter broke, gentle, good bag,

\$600, call after 6 p.m. Aaron Poirrier, Roseland, 70456; (985) 748-3009.

Reg. polled Santa Gertrudis bulls, \$1000; 1 yr. horned heifers, \$500. Chester Davis, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 463-4758.

Braford bulls, 7 – 9 mos., \$500/1. Mack Hauser, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 463-9379.

Horned Hereford bull, 15 mos., good quality, top bloodline, \$1250. Dewayne Grace, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-4196.

Reg. Brangus Time to Change bulls, big, very gentle, easy calving, good bloodline & EPD's, 4 yrs., calves to show, \$1200, or swap for like bull. Robert Coleman, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 848-9714.

Reg. Brahman bull, 5/97, 4-H calf, gentle & big, calf champion at state Brahman show, many other titles, also (2) reg. Brahman cows, both 4-H projects, \$1000/1. Chris Douget, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-6763.

Reg. pb Charolais bulls, 11-17 mos., \$750/1-up; heifer, 12 mos., \$650. Anthony Pitt, Scott, 70583; (337) 232-2452.

- (6) Reg. Charolais bulls, top quality, excel. bloodline, 18 mos., ready for service, \$1200/1-up; cert. F-1 Brangus & Braford yrlg. heifers, \$600/1-up. Jason Smith, Maringouin, 70757; (225) 718-0208.
- **(2)** Reg. Angus bulls, (1) born 11/23/99, (1) born 1/6/01, excel. bloodlines, calves to show, \$1000. Clinton Bellanger, Cut Off, 70345; (985) 632-5416.

Reg. Brangus bull, 1 yr., \$750. John Soileau, Palmetto, 71358; (337) 623-5892.

Charolais & Angus bulls, low birth wt., some reg., 12 mos. & older, \$1500/1-up. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan, 71066; (318) 352-0355.

Belgian blue ½ bloods, replacement heifers, show calves, freezer calves, \$550/1-up. Odell Cason, Plain Dealing, 71064; (318) 326-5188

Limousin bulls, heifers & calves, selling all 15 head. \$400/1-up. H.L. Paulk, Deville, 71328; (318) 443-8925.

(2) Victorian bulls, ¼ Brahman, ¾ Hereford, very gentle, 4 yrs., \$950/1. Harold Matthews, Jennings, 70546; (337) 824-4420.

Pb Brahman bull, 4 yrs., gentle, calves to show, \$1200; ³/₄ Brahman x ¹/₄ Jersey bull, 2 yrs., gentle, ready to work, \$800; pb Charolais bull, 3 yrs., gentle, \$1700. John Hadden, Zachary, 70791; (225) 937-4806.

Reg. BBU Beefmaster heifers, 10-14 mos., \$500-\$800; bulls, 11-15 mos., \$600-\$900; (2) 2 yr., w/health papers & semen tested, \$1250-\$1400. B. J. Landry, Jennings, 70546; (337) 824-3350 or (337) 824-2181.

Pb Brangus identical twin heifers, very gentle, 5 mos., \$600/1. Alva Stuard, Baker, 70714; (225) 261-2032.

(92) crossbred cows, bred to black bulls, 90 day fall calving season, young heard, \$750/1. Wayne Ammons, Robeline, 71469; (318) 256-9534.

Reg. Charolais bulls, ready for service, gentle, stout, clean & test-

ed, Big Sky & Budsmydad breeding, cert. herd, \$1500/1-up. Walter Lemoine, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-7939.

Black Limousin bull, 5 yrs., very gentle, calves to show, \$1300. Rodney Buller, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-3740.

Reg. blk. Angus bulls, excel. bloodlines, \$1000/1-up. Arthur Freeman, Columbia, 71418; (318) 649-5863.

Reg. blk. Angus bull, 3 yrs., calves to show, \$2000. Jeanette Freeman, Columbia, 71418; (318) 649-5863.

(12) **Reg.** Charolais bulls, ready to breed, 2 yrs. & older, excel. quality bulls, \$1500/1. Horis Caro, Houma, 70364; (985) 637-0182 or (985) 804-5517.

Reg. Charolais, 32 yrs. Charolais breeding, Duke, Tundra, Wallstreet, weaned bulls, heifers, cow & calf prs., 3/N/1's, cert. herd, \$850/1-up. Ivy Guillot, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-8300.

Reg. BBU Beefmaster bulls, good conform., clean underline, ready for early spring service, \$850/1. Gaston Gerald, Greenwell Springs, 70739; (225) 654-8816.

(2) yrlg. reg. Brangus bulls, \$1700/1-up. Dale Clark, Rayne, 70578; (337) 873-8188.

(2) reg. Braford bulls, 3/8 x 5/8, gentle, 15 mos., 800 lbs., \$800/1-up. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, 70548; (337) 652-6200.

Reg. Braford bull, 3/8 x 5/8, 5 yrs., great disp., easy calving bull, \$1500; (4) crossbred Braford cows, calving soon, \$2600. Stefanie Duhon, Kaplan, 70548; (337) 652-6200.

Red Angus bulls, (2) yrlgs., current vaccinations, wormed, \$750/1, discount if both taken. Ronnie Shaw, Lake Charles, 70607; (337) 479-2406.

Reg. pb Charolais heifers, polled, 8-9 mos., \$600/1-up; reg. yrlg. bulls, \$750/1-up. Louis Quave, Bush, 70431; (985) 886-5557 or (985) 871-0317.

Gelbvieh yrlg. bulls, out of GT Louie, a grand champ., \$1200/1-up. Homer Knost, Clinton, 70722; (225) 683-8044.

Full Simmental, DOB 6/15/96, w/pb bull calf at side, DOB 2/1/03, sire Apache Black, \$975. Johnnie Enterkin, West Monroe, 7129; (318) 396-4244.

Charolais & Angus bulls, low birth wt., some reg., 12 mos. & older, \$1500/1-up; crossbred & Braford heifers, 18-24 mos., w/low birth wt. Angus bulls, \$650/1-up. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan, 71066; (318) 352-0355.

Reg. Brangus bull, blk., Brinks Tropper 317F12, 6 yrs., herd bull calves to show, \$1500. Donald Rasberry, Basile, 70515; (337) 824-4117.

Reg. Beefmaster bull, born 6/29/02, clean underline & red in color, \$500. Betty d'Augereau, Kaplan, 70548; (337) 643-1724.

Reg. Brangus bull, \$1000; reg. Hereford bull, \$1200, calves to show. J.P. Hebert, Franklin, 70538; (337) 828-1967.

Reg. Angus, 2 yr. yrlgs., large framed, high quality, \$900/1-up. L.D. Lacour, Jr., Robert, 70455; (985) 345-0441.

Reg. Angus bulls, 4 yrs., DHD traveler 6807/Lovana bloodlines, low birth wt., excel. for heifers, gentle, weighs approx., 1500 lbs, off LSUA test, \$1250. Anita Craig, Deville, 71328; (318) 466-3839.

Reg. Charolais cattle, yrlg. bulls & heifers, \$700/1-up. Ken Bradford, Montgomery, 71454; (318) 646-2370.

Reg. Angus bulls, top bloodlines, \$800/1-up. Noble Mabou, Deville, 71328; (318) 466-5391.

Pb Simm. bulls, 7 mos., \$600; 4 yr., \$1200, easy calving. Norbert LeJeune, Jeanerette, 70544; (337) 276-5813.

Charolais bulls, 1-2 yr., \$700 - \$1200. Melvin Soileau, Bunkie, 71322; (318) 838-2459.

Reg. Angus bulls, 12 – 25 mos., all A.I. sired, EXT/9440/2418, pasture conditioned, EPD's avail., \$1200-\$2500. Mark LeJeune, Elton, 70532; (337) 526-3520.

(3) **Reg. Braford** bulls, 3/8 x 5/8, gentle, good bloodline, (2) 2 yr. & (1) 3 yr., \$800/1-up. Mark Manuel, Jennings, 70546; (337) 584-2422.

Reg. blk. Gelbvieh bull, 2 yrs., polled, gentle, \$1500. Leslie Bickham, St. Francisville, 70775; (225) 635-3942.

Reg. Charolais excel. bloodlines, (2) cow & calf prs., (4) bred heifers, (1) bull, 35 mos., \$10,500/all. Wade Richey, Carencro, 70520; (337) 886-2739.

Red/black ³/₄ Watusi heifer w/large horns, needs good home, \$400/1. Kent Benton, Livingston, 70754; (225) 686-0248.

Polled Herefords, bulls, heifers, cows, \$700/1-up, sired from 29F Pringle Hudson 30E-F243. David Williams, Ringgold, 71068; (318) 932-4482.

Reg. 10 mo. Mamou bloodline, bred Brangus bull, will make excel. future herd sire, guarantee sound breeder at time of service, \$1000. Gary Aucoin, Mamou, 70535; (337) 457-7262.

Reg. red Limousin bull, 4/01, herd bull, very gentle, \$950; pb red Limousin bull, 6/00, herd bull, halter broke, \$800. Pete Chaumont, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 462-1182.

(2) pb Charolais bulls, (1) 3 yrs., \$1200; (1) 3 ½ yrs., \$1300. Justin Thompson, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 839-2589.

Reg. polled Homozygous blk., Limousin cow, 4 yrs., old w/blk. bull calf at side, \$1200. Marvin Carter, Pineville, 71360; (318) 442-1717.

Reg. Simm. & Simbrah bulls, polled, solid colors, wormed, all shots, very gentle, 8 mos.- 2 yrs., \$550 - \$1150/1. Harold Landreneau, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-0505.

Herd reduction, (5) reg. Charolais cows, some w/reg. heifer calves, \$1000 - \$1200; (1) F-1 Charol/Angus cow & heifer calves,

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Red & wh. TW stud, 3 yrs., \$1200. Tommy Johnson, Oakdale, 71463; (318) 335-1478.

1986 AQHA geld., sorrel w/flaxen mane & tail, sire is Doc's Sug., dame is daughter of Vandal, gentle for kids, trained for cutting, \$4000. Luke Segura, New Iberia, 70560; (337) 560-5531.

5 yr. Miniature Palomino stallion, 34", gentle w/children, \$500. Warren Hoag, Jr., Jennings, 70546; (337) 824-0937.

TWHBEA, 2002 stud colt, blk. w/4 wh. stockings, \$1500; SHH-BEA & NSSHA, 2002 filly, sorrel & wh. tobiano, \$1500. Louis Rodrigue, Vacherie, 70090; (985) 783-7217 or (504) 289-0923.

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14 yr. gray quarter horse geld., does heading, heeling, & breakaway, \$3500. Meg Lovejoy, Sulphur, 70665; (337) 583-4158.

APHA, 19 yr. geld., great calf roping, excel. in box, take you or your child to the finals, no bad habits, \$3500. Richard Passman, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 848-5101.

AQHA broodmares, 1988 Goldseeker Bars AAAT daughter, 1985 Impressive review NN daughter, by Weiscamp mares, easy breeders & keepers, \$1700/1. Jeff McClelland, Broussard, 70518; (337) 739-1488.

2000 AQHA geld. Hollywood Gold, Cutter Bill, Three Bars, Leo, King, on 4-gen. pedigree., green broke, has been very gentle to break & ride, good mind, \$2000. Bill Neff, Lafayette, 70503; (337) 981-5409.

2002 APHA dark brown tobiano stud colt, good conform., extremely gentle, handled daily, show quality, no bad habits, halter broke, chipped, \$1000; '95 AHRA gray Arabian stallion, green broke, spirited, fun loving, personality, gentle on mares w/pasture breeding, \$3000; '01 APHA blk. tobiano filly, very gentle, well built small stature, 14-14.5 hands at maturity, halter broke, leads & loads, chipped, \$700. Donna Bourque, Singer, 70660; (337) 786-3245.

1997 AQHA bay mare, Peppy San Badger, Doc Bar breeding, 60 days prof. training, gentle, easy keeper, 14 hands, 1000 lbs., \$1850; 1996 AQHA sorrel mare, 15 hands, 1300 lbs., 90 days prof. training, multiple buckle winner at halter, started in W. Pleasure, IMA Cool Skip, Debtonator bloodlines, \$3500. Connie White, Denham Springs, 70726; (225) 667-0767.

2 yr. AQHA filly sorrel w/flaxen mane & tail, Zippo Pine Bar & Doc's prescription bloodlines, \$800. John Collins, Ruston, 71270; (318) 225-3761.

1996 AQHA sorrel mare, (N/N) Obvious Conclusion, Top Moon Deck, Dr. Fair Bars bred to Mr. San Peppy, impressive stud, current on all shots, \$2000; 2001 Shetland geld., halter broke, current on all shots including WN, \$300. Janie Parker, Colfax, 71417; (318) 627-3759.

Morgan/Percheron cross geld., 6 yrs., 16 hand, Amish trained to pull/work, trail ridden, 2 mos. prof. riding training, loads, clips, good ground manners, sound, \$2200. Grace Simcoe, Jackson, 70748; (225) 405-2299.

AQHA geld., 6 yrs., Puddenhead, shown in 4-H, great disp., 6 mos. prof. training, \$3500; AQHA paint mare in foal, 4-H shown, beautiful color, \$2000. Melissa Henry, Patterson, 70392; (985) 395-6015.

(2) AQHA 3 yr. geld., Wonder Seeker & Docs Prescription bloodlines, 30 days riding, (1)barrel prospect, (1) trail riding, \$1500/1. Cathy Jackson, Downsville, 71234; (318) 426-2001.

AQHA 8 yr. quarter horse stallion, gentle to ride, purchased from Texas A&M University as a colt,

sired from He Rocket, \$700. Douglas Terro, Rayne, 70578; (337) 334-5285.

1988 reg. sorrel QH geld, no bad habits, good feet, easy keeper, \$1200. Betsy Falcon, Thibodaux, 70301; (985) 526-8627.

Reg. TB mares w/foals side & rebred to a son of Saint Ballado, \$3000/1-up. Danny Aucoin, Baker, 70715; (225) 262-4544.

Reg. Palomino filly yrlg., Impressive 3 Bars, 2 Eyed Jack, Go man Go, Double A Dolly, O'Quinns Amy, Super Lula, My Rowdy Friend, Miss Stingaroo, big & well muscled, \$1500. Chris Douget, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-6763.

1998 mare, ½ AQHA, green broke, \$500; colts, stud, pure Arabian, 4/22/02 DOB, \$400, call after 6 p.m. Aaron Poirrier, Roseland, 70456; (985) 748-3009.

Paso Fino geld., 10 yrs., \$1500; ½ draft geld. \$1500; AQHA barrel mare, \$2000; APHA colt, \$1250; AQHA colt, \$1000. Christina Miller, Killian, 70462; (225) 695-6746.

2001 stallion sorrel, sire out of a son of Eatin Out, Doc's Hickory, Bob Ace Doc & Poco Jose Bueno, dam own daughter of Mr. San Peppy, \$2500. J. Reed, Westlake, 70669; (337) 492-0922.

Yrlgs. Smart Lil Lena, Colonel Freckles, Handle Bar Doc, Gay Bar King, Extra Fancy, great movers, awesome prospect for cutting or performance, \$1500. Kathy Simoneaux, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 942-1880.

AQHA proven son of Special Effort fillies & colts, 1-3 yrs., out of Blondy's Dude mares, \$750/1-up, all horses microchipped. Butch Martin, Braithwaite, 70040; (504) 682-2467.

APHA colts, (1) bay/white, 2 yrs., (1) buckskin/white, 2 yrs., (1) blk/white yrlg., (1) blue roan/white yrlg. filly, Joechief Bar, Sky Bug Bingo, Peppy Spook bloodlines, good conform., \$800/1 or trade for APHA tobiano broodmares. Douglas Madden, Saline, 71070; (318) 576-3570.

1995 APHA tobiano geld., sound, good handle, real nice looking, will track calves, placed & won Western Pleasure classes, \$3500. R. Perioux, St. Martinville, 70582; (337) 394-8807.

Chestnut ASB mare, 10 yrs., 15.3 hands, sport horse conform., broke for dressage when younger, mainly used for trail rides & fun shows, never sick or injured, \$1500. Penny Pease, St. Amant, 70774; (225) 675-8651.

APHA 3 yr. geld., Colonel Freckles, Starman, Little Peppy blood, quiet started, \$1200/1-up; '02 AQHA colts, Colonel Freckles, Little Peppy blood, halter broke, gentle, \$850/1-up. Barrett Lyons, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-2176 or (337) 288-0887.

Reg. TW blue roan sabino yrlg., stud, \$1500; 21 mo. reg. Palomino geld., will be shorter horse, very gentle, \$2000. Shonnie Dove, Winnsboro, 71295; (318) 435-2217.

Paint, 20 yr. mare, in foal to running quarter, excel. disp., palomino, shown in 4-H district & state, \$2000; 6 yr. geld., Puddenhead,

wonderful disp., all around horse, shown in 4-H district & state, \$3200. Melissa Henry, Patterson, 70392; (985) 395-6015.

2002 AQHA stud colt, sired by Peppy Doc Again, out of grand-daughter of Tanquery Gin, \$1500. E.J. Reynaud, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-7203.

Reg. App. solid filly, 01/01, out of own daughter of Alias King by an Ima Cool Skip sire, very stocky build, great disp., \$1000, no checks. J. Randy Causey, Walker, 70785; (225) 235-5121.

04/00 AQHA gray mare, Two Eyed Jack & Conclusive bred, green broke, heavy boned, great disp., \$1800, no checks. Jeannie Causey, Walker, 70785; (225) 235-5121.

Son of Shining Sneakers, NRHA money earner, by Shining Spark, dam is Peppy San & Royal King bred, view sire at www.QHD.com, \$2500. Brian Johnson, St. Landry, 71367; (318) 838-2919 or (318) 447-2919.

2002 & 2003 yr. weans. all colors, Doc's Hickory, Doc Lena, Peppy San, Dry Doc, Smart Peppy's Playboy, Freckles Playboy, Peponita, Leo, Cactus Ben bloodlines, \$650/1-up. Debra Gentile, Port Allen, 70767; (225) 627-9562.

Reg. 7 yr. blk. mare, bred to 17-hand homozygous, due in May, \$2000; 2 yr., reg. spotted mare, bred to reg. TW tobiano paint, due in April, \$1800. Paul Broussard, Broussard, 70518; (337) 837-1368.

1989 AQHA mare, trained cutter by Triangle Gold War x Doc's Remedy mare (COA NCHA), breed or return to arena, \$8500; 2 yr. AQHA filly by Brooke Peponita, (\$22,000 NCHA LTE) x unshown granddaughter of Peponita, walker, cross tie & round pen broke, ready to start, \$3500. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles, 70611; (337) 855-0629.

5 yr. palomino QH mare, green broke, will make great trail horse, all shots, \$950. Darren Matherne, Denham Springs, 70726; (225) 664-1685.

Sorrel QH, extra gentle, 14 hands, 18 yrs., perfect for kids, \$500, nego. Dan O'Brian, St. Landry, 71367; (337) 461-2323.

34 Arabian yrlg., filly, bay, excel. conform., athletic & gentle, Aladdinn granddaughter, \$500. Veni Harlan, Baton Rouge, 70808; (225) 381-8364.

12 yr., Belgium mule, 1300 lbs., pulls wagon, been on several trail rides, needs work, know all of mules history, \$1250. Claude & Tracy Brock, Greensburg, 70441; (225) 222-3482.

AQHA King stud colts, (1) gray, (1) red roan, \$1200/1. Alan Dayton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-6962.

TW mare in foal, \$1000; TW filly, gray, good-looking, \$800; QH filly, 15 mos., gentle, \$600. Donald Carmouche, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-5007.

2000 AQHA red dun mare, excel. bloodline, to foal in March, super gentle, tiny head, \$1200, firm; 2001 APHA sorrel, white stud colt, \$800. Travis Howell, Hineston, 71438; (318) 793-8587.

AQHA, 10 yr., sorrel geld., big

& beautiful, gentle, good handle, trail rides & parades, \$1800. Norman Audiffred, Walker, 70785; (225) 686-2303 or (225) 937-0927.

AQHA barrel horse, very consistent, easy to ride, saddle winner, 19 yr., but very competitive, \$4500. D. Ackerson, Folsom, 70437; (985) 796-5070.

Reg. TW, Masquerading blk. geld., 3 yrs., show quality, \$3000; 2 yr. paints, Rooster bloodline, geld., gentle enough for kids, \$1500, others avail. Randy Creel, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 848-5555 or (985) 848-9757.

Reg. TW, (20) wean. & yrlgs., hand-raised, all colors, good bloodlines, \$800/1-up. L.D. Spears, Dry Creek, 70637; (337) 328-7365.

Peruvian Paso filly, 9 mos., gentle, halter broke, blk. w/blaze face & (4) wh. stockings, \$800. M. Dunn, Lecompte, 71346; (318) 487-9762.

AQHA mare, 7 yrs., Poco Bueno buckskin dun, 14.3 hands, tracking cattle well, \$3000; AQHA sorrel Incentive Fund mare, NH, 2 yrs., pretty, w/a big hip, small head & neck, sired by a world champion at halter & AQHA champ., \$3000. Leon Jarreau, Baton Rouge, 70818; (225) 261-2077.

APHA chestnut overo Encore mare; (3) black tovero studs, Sonny Dee Bar, Doc Bar, The Legacy; AQHA Zippo Pine Bar mare, \$1250/1-up. JC Parker, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 463-2237.

Double reg. pb Arabian stallions, mares, colts & fillies, Egyptian/Spanish bloodstock, Ibn Halima, Morafic, Kabull, Barich de Washoe bloodlines, \$1500/1-up. Jeff Dupre, Washington, 70589; (337) 585-2642.

APA homozygous mares, exposed to homozygous stallion, \$1995/1-up. Perry Thomassie, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 644-5381 or 644-238.

1996 APHA blk. & wh. geld., 1 yr., cutting horse training, good disp., \$3000. Mitzie Thomassie, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 644-4238 or (225) 644-5382.

1995 AQHA geld., dark bay, 15 hand, grandson of Peppy San Badger, great handle, good cow horse, \$3000. Charles Simoneaux, Port Allen, 70767; (225) 627-4630.

5 yr. AQHA sorrel mare, beautiful conform., great trail horse, \$1500. Kathy Simoneaux, Port Allen, 70767; (225) 627-4630.

Double reg. blk. & wh. gaited stud, 6 yrs., proven sire, hip injury prevents showing, sweet natured, easy breeder, saddle work started, breeding & pleasure only, \$1200. Donavan Stoute, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 585-8046 or (337) 942-0251.

APHA yrlg. colt, Snowy River Man & Skipador Ranch, \$1500; 2 yr. geld., broken & been on trail rides, \$1500. Wayne Plauche, Carencro, 70526; (337) 896-0534.

2001 APHA sorrel, solid geld., w/90 days prof. riding, by Barlink Tuff Times, out of Skippa Receipt mare, excel. area prospect, \$2500. Anita Craig, Deville, 71328; (318) 466-3839.

(2) Welsh mare ponies, ride & pull

wagons, single or double, \$700. Charles Trapani, Mandeville, 70471; (985) 892-7662.

Southern acres in Opelousas, is now taking in more horses, for all your boarding needs, also grazing pastures, minutes from racetrack. Bryant & Renee Collins, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 684-2727.

STALLION SERVICE

AQHA palomino, Doc Bar Peppy, San Puddenhead, Barpass Myers, King P-234, \$350/\$3 mare care. Earlin Gautreaux, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-8457.

Blk. & wh. Appaloosa, Cooterville Echohawk, Geronimo, Wapiti, Mansfield Comanche, Puddenhead, King P-234, \$200/\$3 mare care. Hermina Gautreaux, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-8457.

'98 Palomino, pro trained, Dry Doc, Doc Bar, Poco Lena, Wimpy, Poco Dell, Leo, Go Dick Go, Skipa-A, \$400/\$4 mare care. Dean Gentile, Port Allen, 70767; (225) 627-9562.

Arabians straight Spanish, gray, but produces color, extremely long neck, foals to show, Egyptian snow white, multi champion at halter, sires exotic foals, both 15+ hands, purebreds, \$600, others nego. Larry Martinez, Port Barre, 70577; (337) 585-6969.

AQHA golden palomino, Peppy Freckles Bar, grandson of Rooster, Col Freckles, Doc Bar & Leo Maydie, got cow, bone & great disp., \$400. C.J. Breaux, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 599-2299.

AQHA blue gray stallion, King bred, throws grays & red roans, \$400. Alan Dayton, Jena, 71312; (318) 992-6962.

Homozygous APHA blk. & wh. stallion, Skip-n-King, reg. mare, \$350; grade mare, \$250, no mare care. B. Bertrand, Branch, 70516; (337) 684-3028 or (337) 580-0161.

TWHBEA, SSHBEA, NSSHA, RHBEA, 16 hand, blk. & wh. tobiano stallion, stud fee, \$250/\$5 mare care. Lois Rodrigue, Vacherie, 70090; (985) 783-7217 or (504) 289-0923.

Almost reg. w/American Donkey Assoc., spotted jack, out of Pond, Mississippi, \$100/ or pick of litter/no mare care. Blaine Efferson, Baton Rouge, 70805; (225) 357-7515.

King Ranch bred son of Peppy San Badger, finished cutting horse, points cutting, very nice horse, \$500/\$5 mare care. Ronald Brassette, Bunkie, 70586; (337) 461-2674.

AQHA palomino, son of Gay Holly Bars, world champion cutting horse, 4th gen. palomino, throwing great colts w/lots of color, best disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Jeff Brassette, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 461-2674.

AQHA dark sorrel, Eatin Out, Doc Hickory, Bob Ace Doc, Poco Josie Bueno, cutting bred, quick & athletic, this is his second breeding year, \$450/\$7 mare care. Joe Reed, Westlake, 70669; (337) 497-0922.

AQHA gray, Docs Hickory, Dry Doc, Mr. San Peppy, Right This Minnick, Colonel Freckles, large frame, good bone, lots of athletic ability, first breeding season, \$350/\$7 mare care. Lanie Reed, Westlake, 70669; (337) 491-0922.

AQHA brown bay, Peppy San Badger, Miss Santana Doc, Puddenhead Doc, heavy muscled, all around ranch work, sorting & roping, \$350/\$7 mare care. James Reed, Westlake, 70669; (337) 491-0922.

AQHA, '83 sorrel, Son of Doc's Lynx, out of a daughter of Snippy San, brother to Mr. San Peppy, foundation breeding in cutting, finish cutter, \$650/\$7 mare care. Tyler Reed, West Lake, 70669; (337) 491-0922.

Smart Zan Lena, own son of Smart Lil Lena, 743,000, out of Sparkle Suzanna, 3x world champ., \$75,000 LTE, athletic as they come, \$750/\$8 mare care. Kevin Simoneaux, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 942-1880.

AQHA palomino stallion, sire Mr. Golden Dish, Artic Blizzard, dam Skipas Foxy Lena, Fox Quest, \$250/\$6 mare care. Charles Seal, Oakdale, 71463; (318) 748-8572.

AQHA sorrel, son of Haidas Little Pep, excel. conform. & disp., has produced money earners, \$500/\$5 mare care. Russ Mabile, Pierre Part, 70339; (225) 937-9030 or (985) 252-0535.

(3) APHA blk. toveros, homozygous bay tobiano, Painted Robin, Sonny Dee Bar, Doc Bar-Tivio, Adios Amigos, \$250-\$350/\$5 mare care. J. C. Parker, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 463-2237.

1987 AQHA sorrel w/blaze, excel. disp. & conform., own son of Colonel Freckles, by Dipitty Doc, maternal grandsire Doc's Juniper, second dam Doc's Serendipity, \$350/\$5 dry mare, \$7 wet. Raymond Lemaire, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 622-2772 or (225) 664-4475.

1982 AQHA/NFQHA dun stallion, Puddenhead & Skipa Starbloodlines, \$500/\$5 mare care. Paul Smith, Loranger, 70446; (985) 878-3082.

1997 AQHA blk. stallion, Ima Cool Skip & Boston Mac bred, Hypp N/N, \$300/\$5 mare care. J. Randy Causey, Walker, 70785; (225) 235-5121.

Reg. palomino & wh. TW stallion, his sire is homozygous, 15.1 hands, calm, gentle, good conform. & disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Melissa Briley, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. chestnut & wh. tobiano homozygous TW stallion, by Battle Colors & Paints Moon Man, 15.3, guaranteed paint, beautiful & great disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Patrice Montgomery, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. blk. & wh. tobiano TW stallion, homozygous from both sire & dam, 15.1 hands, beautiful, excel. conform & disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Jim Briley, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. blk. & wh. homozygous TW stallion, by Pride's Deater & Tux Time, 17 hands, gentle & great disp., \$300/\$5 mare care. Cody Briley, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. blk. TW stallion by Star's All American & Shades of Carbon, 1200 lbs., 14.3 hands, good conform. \$200/\$5 mare care. John Duplechin, Eunice, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

Reg. bay & wh. tobiano QH stallion, by Shonie T-Bar & Tinky Sugar Bar, comes out of 14 tobianos, 15.2 hands, 50/50 in color. \$200/\$5 mare care. Bill Montgomery, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-8578.

AQHA gray stallion sire is son of Colonel Freckles & half brother to Tari's Catlyst, dam is a King Ranch branded daughter of Mr. San Peppy, produces extremely gentle disp. & excel. conform., \$400/\$6 mare care. John Swope III, Georgetown, 71432; (318) 827-5404.

Reg. TW tobiano blk. & wh. paint, good conform. & disp., Rock-n-Roll Star bloodline, \$750/\$4 mare care. Paul Broussard, Broussard, 70518; (337) 837-1368.

APHC leopard stallion, Too Tough & Goer, state halter champ. & top ten world, great disp. & pleasure horse, \$250/\$4. Irvin Bell, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-2559.

1986 Blk. AQHA grandson of Easy Jet by Angel's Jet Rail, 16.5 hands, 1350 lbs., excel. conform & disp., listed LQHBA, APHC & APHA, \$300/\$5 mare care. Lee Roy Dugas, Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-0103.

Double reg. blk. & wh. racking point pb. American saddle Palomino, \$150/mare care nego. Dillion Bordelon, Plaucheville, 71362; (318) 922-3601.

Palomino stallion, by Peppys Boy 895, out of a producing daughter of Maxi Lena, \$400/\$5-\$7 mare care, includes chute fee. Romy Morvant, Thibodaux, 70301; (985) 446-0708.

Reg. TW, 15.2 hands, handles well, natural gaited, deep red chestnut, fast & smooth, \$150. Tommy Stockman, Oakdale, 71463; (318) 335-2967.

AQHA Peppy Doc Again, son of Nina Peppy Doc, out of Netties Sugar by Sugar Again, trained cutting horse, \$500/\$4 mare care. E. J. Reynaud, Jr., Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-7203.

AQHA palimino son of Play Gun, excel. disp. Linda Helo, Crowley, 70526; (337) 788-4002.

Caddo Creek Quixoye, 1994 bay LTE \$30,000, 8th in world AQHA, top ten in world NCHA, \$4000/\$5 dry mare, \$6 wet mare. Terry Miller, Bunkie, 71322; (318) 346-9280

AQHA bay stallion, hard to find-King Ranch branded, own son of Dry Docy by an own daughter of Little Peppy, \$500/\$3 mare care; AQHA palomino stallion, off Smart Little Lena, Doc O'lena, Colonel Freckles, Dry Doc, Vegas Model, 75% color, \$400/\$3 mare Mary Granger, Plaquemine, 70764; (225) 687-9430.

SWINE

Feeder pigs, \$35/1-up; #1 hogs, 180-240 lbs. \$85-\$100; pot bellied pigs, \$30. Cindy Smith, Bogalousa, 70427; (985) 735-9671.

SHEEP & GOATS

Reg. Boer goats, full bloods & percentage, various ages & bred does, \$150/1-up. Wendy Hotard. Hammond, 70403; (225) 294-6690

Boer x Willingham meat goat, breeder kids, does, \$175/1; bucks, \$100, ³/₄ % up, raised on pasture/brush, hearty, strong mothering instincts. Chad Campbell, Baker, 70714; (225) 774-5335.

Sheep & goats, \$25 - \$40/1. Ferall Venable, Scott, 70583; (337) 235-7316.

(4) RCE 100% Boer nannies, \$225/1-up; (7) doe kids, \$125/1-up; (3) buck kids, \$100/1-up, born 11/02. Clcuc Matherne, Houma, 70364; (985) 873-7039.

Reg. Nigerian dwarf kids, males, \$75/1; (1) very flashy blk. & wh., (2) buckskins, these are great lap goats & personality plus pets and/or breeding stock. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel, 70722; (225) 683-4919 or (225) 937-0540.

Full South African doe, born 6/20/01, disbudded, health guarantee, \$300; extra large reg. Boer buck, born 2/5/95, no horns, \$200. Shirley Stack, Pearl River, 70452; (985) 863-5186.

(2) Market butcher lambs, \$75/1. Jerry Sisk, Port Sulphur, 70083; (504) 656-8975.

(2) Rams, ½ Katahdin & ½ Dorper, 16 mos., \$135/1; 3 yr. ram Katahadin, very big, over 250 lbs. red & wh., \$250. Merlin Leger, Lafayette, 70501; (337) 264-9213.

Fb Boer billy, 1 yr. fullblood Boer kid, 3 ½ mos., IBGA reg., show or breed stock, color correct, excel. bloodline, \$300/1. Ricky Lobell, Prairieville, 70769; (225) 715-9218.

Fb Boer goats, 5 mo. Kids, m & f, some blk. heads, non reg., \$75/1. Mike Ricca, Lacombe, 70445; (985) 882-6522.

Fb Boer billies, w/papers, excel. coform. & breed characteristics, color correct, kids to show, 1 yr., very large, \$250/1-up. Anthony Mumphrey, Eunice, 70535; (337) 550-0826.

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Only trained farm stockdogs or offspring from trained stockdogs are eligible to be advertised. Include dog's breeding and special training or ability that qualifies it as a stockdog. A signed statement must accompany each notice indicating these facts before the ad can be published.

(3) Australian Shephard & Kelpie pups, 7 mos., ready to train, shots & wormed, \$75/1. Perry Murrey, Marion, 71260; (318) 292-4458.

Blue & red heeler pups, (2) red males & (2) blue males, (2) blue females, out of working stock, \$75/1. Cody Goodner, Suphur, 70665; (337) 558-5106.

Reg. Catahoula pups, born 12/28/02, has all shots, reg., \$125/1. Connie Wheat, Denham

Springs, 70726; (225) 664-9195.

NALC Catahoula pups, w/s off of proven working stock, \$100/1-up. Mona Williams, Denham Springs, 70726; (225) 665-8680.

CKC Great Pyrenees pups, born 12/20/02, runs w/goats, sheep & hogs, parents on premises, \$250. Cindy Smith, Bogalousa, 70427; (985) 735-9671.

NALC Catahoula pups, born 12/18/02, leopards, glass eyes, had all shots, \$100 - \$150/1. B. Bergeron, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-1909.

(2) reg. border collies, blk. & wh. females, short hair, started on lite cattle, 15 mos., \$800/1. John Briscoe, Elton, 70532; (337) 584-2751.

FB Great Pyrenees pups, 4 mos., (3) males & (2) females, can deliver to Baton Rouge area, \$100/1. Paula & Dennis Leach, Many, 71449; (318) 256-9443.

Reg. border collie pups, blk. & wh., well colored, born 11/02/02, \$125/1. Elvin Soileau, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-4094.

AKC reg. DNA typed Great Pyrenees male pup, born 10/03/02, very friendly, (3) shots given, raised w/cattle & poultry, \$300. Glen Savoie, Sunset, 70584; (337) 668-4526.

Border collie pups, 2 mos., father & mother good working dogs on farm, \$100/1. Ralph Deason, Leesville, 71446; (337) 392-8350.

AKC boxer pups, beautiful markings, tails/dewclaws done, first shots, ready to go March 17th, \$300. Thomas Cope, Gibson, 70356; (985) 575-8333.

Wanted: (2) young reg. female Jack Russells, from 6 mos. – 2 yrs., for breeding. Johnny McMorris, Ponchatoula, 70454; (985) 386-8855.



Zebra finches, fancy, \$100/21, all sold together. Tommy Landry, Lafayette, 70506; (337) 981-6744.

Quaker parrots, blue, \$450; split to blue, \$250, add \$25 for DNA; blue w/split to blue pairs, \$700. Carol Phillips, Logansport, 71049; (318) 697-7241.

Blue & gold macaw, 10 mos., tame, w/cage & toys, \$1800; (2) handfed baby cockatiels, \$35 & \$50; pair peach face violet lovebirds, \$50. Mary Vidrine, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-1163.

Orange face lovebirds, lutinos, olives, normals, cinnamons, \$30-\$60; red face, white face & many other mutations, \$20-\$50. Dale Landry, Paincourtville, 70391; (985) 369-6952.

Vosmarre hen, on eggs, \$650; male breeder mullucan cockatoo, \$600; proven pair, albino ringnecks, \$700; parrotlets, \$100/1-up; (3) lovebirds, tame, \$40/1; tiels, \$40/1-up. G. Carrier, Port Barre, 70577; (337) 585-7145.

Ringneck doves, normals & whites, \$5-\$75/1; proven mated

pairs, \$20-\$30/pr., will ship. Thomas Rowell, Crowley, 70526; (337) 783-5729.

Ringneck doves, whites & tangerines, \$6/1. Johnny Bailey, Kinder, 70648; (337) 738-2916.

Button quails, full grown & laying, different colors, \$5/1, cash only. James Breaux, Sr., New Iberia, 70560; (337) 364-4854.

Ringneck doves, \$2/1, \$1.5/if 50 taken; Egyptian geese, \$20/1. Richard Millikin, Oak Grove, 71263; (318) 428-2604.

Breeder pairs, orange wings, \$350; Mexican redheads, \$600; proven female military macaw, \$700; dome cage, \$100. Ricky Lobell, Prairieville, 70769; (225) 715-9218.

Gouldians, \$115/pr.; orange cheeks, \$20/1; spice, \$12/1; orange weavers, \$10/1; zebras, \$7/1; societies, \$5/1. Daniel Chauvin, Houma, 70364; (985) 876-7966.

Double yellow headed Amazon, tame & talking, w/cage, \$700. Lenny Cardenal, Harvey, 70058; (504) 341-0643.

Indian ringneck parakeets, '02 hatch, violet, dark green/blue, turquoise, gray, lacewings, greens, split to various mutations & a few mature birds avail, \$100 - \$2500/1. Kent Benton, Livingston, 70754; (225) 686-0248.

Wanted: a quantity of white ringneck doves, please give number of birds avail. & price. Thomas Rowell, Crowley, 70526; (337) 783-5729.

PIGEONS

White racing homer, white utility kings, \$5/1. Alex Prejean, Scott, 70583; (337) 896-6115.

(1) Bunch of young white king mix pigeons, \$3/1, good sized eating pigeon. Elvin Lafleur, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-2079.

Janssen homing pigeons, \$4/1 or \$3/1 for (20) or more. Bob Martin, Pineville, 71360; (318) 640-5019.

POULTRY, FOWL & EGGS

Red jungle fowl roosters, pb, \$10/1; silkie x JF roosters, \$6/1. Kent Benton, Livingston, 70754; (225) 686-0248.

Baby mallard ducks, 1 – 4 weeks, \$3/1; fertile duck eggs, 25¢/1. Keiffer Meyers, Baker, 70714; (225) 261-9533.

Roosters, Rhode Island reds, yrlgs., \$7/1; barred rocks, \$7/1. Scott Troxclair, Tickfaw, 70466; (985) 542-6975.

(5)-Deck chick brooder, w/rack, \$350. Paul Davis, Shreveport, 71107; (318) 425-2222.

Mixed breed bantam roosters, \$1/1. Mary Crain, Leesville, 71446; (337) 392-6492.

Blk. swans, (2) pair, hatched 11/14/02, \$100/1. Philip Delaney, Ponchatoula, 70454; (985) 386-0900.

Araucanas, 5 mos., 20 pullets & 1 rooster avail., most pullets already laying, \$5/1. Patsy Crenshaw, Lockport, 70374; (985) 693-3680.

Small breed crossbred barnyard bantams, beautiful colors, \$8 - \$10/1. George Snyder, St. Amant, 70774; (225) 675-8779.

Male blk. necked swan, \$700; white or blue India peafowl, \$50/1-up. Samuel Moran, Ethel, 70730; (225) 658-4914.

White silkies, hen & rooster, \$5/1; red jungle fowl, \$8/1-up; bantam chicks, 5 kinds, \$2/1-up; bantam eggs, \$6/doz. Hubert Soileau, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-1470.

Baby pharaoh & Manchurian golden quails, 25¢/1; full grown, \$1.5 - \$2. P. Arnold, Cecilia, 70521; (337) 667-6632.

(12) Giant male muscovy ducks, 15 lbs., \$5/1, \$4/1 if all taken. Jerry Schexnayder, Vacherie, 70090; (225) 265-2238.

Mature African geese, \$35/1; white geese, \$35/1; India blue peacocks, \$75/1; white peacocks, \$75. Frank Bonner, Folsom, 70437; (985) 796-7968 or (985) 966-3419.

Super large quail hatching eggs, \$25/100, plus \$12 S&H; live birds, 75¢/1-up; dressed quail, \$23/doz. G.R. Chauvin, Schriever, 70395; (985) 448-3360.

Pb silkie chicks, 8 – 12 wks., \$3/1; mottled old English x blk. Japanese chicks, 6 – 8 wks., \$2/1. Wayne Soileau, Washington, 70589; (337) 826-3253.

Flying mallards, (9) drakes left, \$7/1. Pete Chaumont, DeRidder; 70634; (337) 462-1182.

India blue peafowl pair, 4 yrs., \$150. Faye Duhe, Covington, 70435; (985) 892-0032.

Wanted: 1 male Canadian goose, near Hammond, about 2 yrs. Joseph Costanza, Hammond, 70403; (985) 6743.

Wanted: chickens, ducks, guineas, turkeys, geese, pullets & bantams, within 25 miles from Rayne. Wilbur Leger, Rayne, 70578; (337) 334-4949.

RATITES

Wanted: Emus for pets, reasonably priced. Jerry Thompson, Crowley, 70526; (337) 783-8281.

DEER & EXOTICS

Buffalo on the hoof or off, lean, low cholesterol & low fat, calf/1, \$600; mommas/2, \$1200; bulls/2, \$900; breeder bull/1, \$1800. Dan O'Brien, St. Landry, 71367; (337) 461-2323.

Buffalo, all ages, \$450/1-up. Don Reinert, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 461-2634.

Help feed the hungry -Donate to your local food bank.

AQUACULTURE & EQUIPMENT

Bass, 60¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; crappie, 30¢/1; chinquapin, 30¢/1; catfish, 20¢/1; hybrids, 25¢/1; carp, \$9/1; minnows, \$8/1 lb., del. avail. Frank Book, Shreveport, 71107; (318) 929-4251.

Channel catfish, 20¢/1; bluegill, 20¢/1; chinquapin, 25¢/1; bass, 50¢/1; koi, 50¢/1-up; hybrid bluegill, 20¢/1, del. avail. David Lowe, Minden, 71055; (318) 377-1525.

RABBITS & EQUIPMENT

San Juans, lagrudee crosses, NZW, minnie rex, Cal. giants, checked giants, Himalayans, breeder does & bucks, fryers etc., \$6 - \$10/1. Stephen Dalton, Morganza, 70759; (225) 694-3318.

Just in time for Easter, over (500) rabbits in stock, babies, fryers, breeders, Calif., New Zealand, giants, \$3/1-up. David Arnaud, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-7274.

Lop & dwarf bunnies, many colors, \$10/1. Raymond Myers, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 839-5123.

(40) Young rabbits, butchering size, \$2.5/1 or \$2/1, if (10) or more taken. Jerry Schexnayder, Vacherie, 70090; (225) 265-2238.

San Juan, Florida, cotton tail crosses, \$5/1-up; other breeds, \$5/1-up; new wire cages, \$15/1-up. Ishreal Thibodeaux, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 942-7726.

Commerical New Zealand, FR-1000's, fryers to breeders, \$5 - \$20; rabbit fertilizer, 50 lb. feed sack, \$3/1. Leon Boudreaux, Jeanerette, 70544; (337) 276-6164.

Wanted: rabbits, preferably New Zealand, California & mixed breeds, 8 lbs. & up. Wade Rodi, Braithwaite, 70040; (504) 682-0726.

RURAL PROPERTIES

Must offer ten (10) or more adjoining acres of land located in Louisiana. Farmland ads MUST include accompaniments (house, barn, hay field, garden, and what the land is best suited for). Proof of ownership may be required. All ads MUST be accompanied by the following owner-signed statement: "This property is personally owned by me and is not offered for sale by a licensed real estate dealer, broker or salesman."

Red River Parish, 110 acres, home, barns, improved pastures, ponds, fenced & cross-fenced, can be divided, \$230,000. David Williams, Ringgold, 71068; (318) 932-4482.

Beauregard Parish, 10-50 acres, established pasture, fenced, excel. for grazing, hayfield, or home site, \$3000-\$4500/acre, nego. J.C. Parker, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 463-2237.

Acadia Parish, 40 acres, soybeans grown on approx. 36 acres, 3/2 brick home, rental home, dairy

building, easy access to I-10. \$350,000. B. Mier, Lafayette, 70506; (337) 984-4985.

Winn Parish, 20 acres, partly wooded, suitable for farming, trees or campsite, Harrisonburg Rd., near Kisatchie Nat. Forest, Lake Iatt, Nantachie, \$1000/acre. Bobby Davison, Denham Springs, 70726; (225) 664-1808.

SEEDS, FLOWERS & ORNAMENTALS

2002 Hot-Peter pepper seeds, \$1/50-seed pkt. w/SASE. Cleveland Guidry, 918 E. Ash St. Crowley, 70526; (337) 783-2042.

Zinnia seed, \$6.5/cup, w/SASE. Beatrice Jacob, 270 Jacob Knotts Road, Castor, La, 71016-4250; (318) 544-2522.

Peter pepper, aconcagua lg. sweet pepper (new), straight 8 +burpless cubes, La. pink tomato, long handle, birdhouse & cucuzzi gourds, blk. eyed Susan, purple pincushion & cypress (vines), \$1.5/pkt., w/SASE; lilly of the Nile, \$5/1; (1) yellow & wh. spider lillies, \$2.5/1; red (bulbs), \$10/25. Morris Collura, 3237 Louisiana Ave., Lake Charles, La., 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Cast iron plants, \$4/gal. D. Montz, Thibodaux, 70301; (985) 446-1805.

Touch me not, French holly hock, whirline butterfly, bird of paradise bush, artichoke, cleome, candle tree, Mexican hummingbird bush, all seeds, good count, \$1/w/SASE. Sandra Bullock, 2664 Miller Ave., Westlake, 70669; (337) 436-0579.

Gourds, large birdhouse, dipper & egg, cushaw, crookneck, green stripe, \$1.5/30 seeds, w/SASE. James Robin Sr., 4017 Hwy. 357 Opelousas, La., 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Wanted: onion top bulbs. James Robin, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

HAY & GRAIN

2002 5' X 5' rd. bale, \$20/bale, 2001 5' x 5' rd. bale, \$10/bale, del. avail. David Hadley, Port Barre, 70577; (337) 585-7526.

Alicia Bermuda hay, well fert., round bales, \$25/bale, or less in larges lots. Douglas McKean, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 748-5832.

2002 Ryegrass, square bales, \$3/bale; 2001 Bahia grass, \$2.5/bale. Delos Thompson, Folsom, 70437; (985) 796-9872.

Wheat straw, square bales, clean & bright, \$2/1, you load. David Fontenot, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-4334 or (337) 363-3523.

4' x 5' rolls Bahia hay, heavy fert., no rain, no weeds, under barn, del. avail., \$30/1, outside, \$25/1. Joe Pieri, Folsom, 70437; (985) 796-9538 or (504) 628-5361.

Mixed grass hay, fert. & cured,

w/out rain, \$1.5/1, you load, 50 or more per sale, no broken bales, from large barn loft. Harold Loewer, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4487.

6' x 4' round bales, Bahia hay, \$20/1 or \$18/1, if 20 or more taken. Quentin Spears, Washington, 70589; (337) 826-3807.

Alicia hay, fert. & no rain, \$3.25/1, in barn. Donald Bordelon, Morrow, 71356; (318) 346-6760 or (225) 355-1514.

May 2003, orders being taken now for round bales of Alicia/Bahia /Trilfon 44, \$27.5 - \$55/l. Wayne Ward, Saline, 71070; (318) 576-9913 or (318) 471-9273 or email at 179erma@bellsouth.net.



Horse manure, you load, \$1/all. Linda Helo, Crowley, 70526; (337) 788-4002.

TREES & FRUITING VINES

Celeste fig & sweet lemon, \$6/1; cassia tree, \$5/1; rain trees, \$5-\$15/1; Japanese plums, \$3/1-up; oaks, \$8/1; wh. & yellow peach, \$5/1-up; chinaberry \$5/1. Morris Collura, Lake Charles, La., 70601; (337) 478-7075.

Pecan trees, Elliott, 2 yrs., 10 gal. \$30/1; Shumard oak, 4 yrs., 15 gal., \$35/1; River Birch, 3 gal, \$6/1. James Robin Sr., Opelousas, 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Fig trees, 2 yrs., 2-gal, \$9/1, 8 varieties, SASE for list. Betty Robin 4017 Hwy 357; Opelousas, La., 70570; (337) 407-0188.

Live oaks, \$8/3 gal.; S. Magnolia, \$5-\$15; Japanese plum, \$10/5'; Japanese yew, \$8/3 gal.; bushes; wax myrtle, \$5/3 gal.; Chinese fan plum, \$10/3 gal.; Indian hawthorn, \$8/3 gal.; amaryllis red hybrid, \$5/bulb; pomegranate dwarfs, \$8. James Stelly, Eunice, 70535; (337) 457-4528

Blueberry bushes, 1-gal., 2 yrs., 4 varieties, \$4.5/1, \$4/1 for 25 or more. Chris Disher, Broussard, 70518; (337) 839-2874.

Grafted pecan trees, Melrose, Sumner, Elliot, 4' – 8', disease resistant, \$21.95 - \$24.95. Charles Anderson, Cloutierville, 71416; (318) 379-0980.

Mayhaw trees, large fruited varieties, Mexican plum, red mulberry, chickasaw plum, crabapple, catalpa, native magnolia, burr oak, \$5 - \$25/1. Kent Benton, Livingston, 70754; (225) 686-0248.

Satsuma trees, owari & brown select, 4-gal. pots, \$12/1; live oaks, 3-gal. pots, \$10/1. James Dufresne, Vacherie, 70090; (225) 265-2690.

Cypress trees, \$8/1. D. Bordelon, Ponchatoula, 70454; (985) 345-4280.

TRACTORS & EQUIPMENT

JD 5200, 925 hrs., like new, \$13,500; 10' bush hog, pull type, \$3000. J.I. Janis, Ventress, 70783; (225) 638-7338.

Massey Ferguson, 240 trac., w/MF 232 front-end loader, 1994 model, 860 hrs., \$11,500. A.P. Douzart, Alexandria, 71315; (318) 449-1348.

140 Int. trac., high clearance, 3 pt. hitch, planter & garden tools, excel. cond., \$6000. Henry Duhe, Covington, 70435; (985) 892-0032.

JD 6300, cab air, loader, 2000 hrs., excel., shape, \$36,500, will take smaller trac. on trade. Buddy Lucky, Bossier City, 71112; (318) 747-8820.

50-Gal. spray, 12' boom, 3 pt. hitch, needs pump & a few spray tips, \$100. James Dufresne, Vacherie, 70090; (225) 265-2690.

Ford 6610 cab & air diesel trac. w/loader, p/s, 16 speed, 72 pto hp, low hrs., new a/c system, \$13,500; Ford 4100 diesel trac., p/s, 45 pto hp, 8 speed, \$5600. E. Ryan, Marksville, 71351; (318) 240-7388.

5' bush hog, \$300; big Rhino 3 pt. grader blade, \$400; 100 gal. diesel tank, \$100. R.T. Faulk, Monroe, 71202; (318) 325-1685.

Ford 5900 diesel trac., 8 speed, p/s, hyd. remotes, 62 pto hp, low hrs., \$7900; Case/Int. 1594 diesel trac., p/s, 12 speed, 85 pto hp, hyd. remotes, canopy, 1500 hrs., 1988 model, \$7900. J. Guillot, Hessmer, 71341; (318) 563-4776.

NH 853, elec. tie, round baler, \$3500; NH 855, auto tie, rd. baler, \$2500, or trade for cattle. Ricky Bell, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 839-6259.

6600 Ford trac., good rubber, excel. cond., \$13,000; Ingersol Rand, 160 CFM compressor, portable gas, w/sandblast, pot hoses & nozzles, \$3500. H.L. Paulk, Deville, 71328; (318) 443-8925.

1998 Woods backhoe attachment, used 4 times, excel. cond., will fit trac. 50 to 100 hp, \$4500, firm. Mike Dunn, Effie, 71331; (318) 447-7766.

Rayne Plain levee plow, 10-24 hyd., \$800. Clarence Carrier, Port Barre, 70577; (337) 585-7145.

Woods 14' batwing shredder, good gears, needs deck, \$1300, or w/trade for 8' shredder of equal value. Malcolm Lajaunie, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-6401.

JD, 8-row cult., excel., \$2000; 8-row lay by rig, excel. cond., \$800; W & A, 8 row hipper w/row markers, good cond., \$2500. Bobby Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

12' JD disc, \$1000. Donald Firmin, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-37788.

1982 Ford F-350, 351 gas, 4-speed flatbed gooseneck, hook up, low mileage on motor, truck is in

good cond., \$3000. Gary Guy, Zachary, 70791; (225) 654-6491.

Bush hog disc, 5 ½ wide, heavy duty 3 pt. hitch, \$575; 3 pt. hitch, 6' wide, pasture drill seeder, \$300. Michael Guillot, Mansura, 71350; (318) 253-8585.

5' x 5' harrow w/teeth on bottom, 3 pt. hitch, \$250; red hay fork, rubber covers on points, \$150. M. J. Montagnino, Zachary, 70791; (225) 654-2473.

JD 9' disc, drag type, no wheels & no 3 pt. hitch, 9" spools, cyl. control from trac., good cond., \$450; super "A" power take off, \$75. Joseph Costanza, Hammond, 70403; (985) 345-6743.

Box blade, SBX 720, 6' bush hog, brand new, never used, \$600. Karl Taylor, Lafayette, 70508; (337) 277-2700.

JD 235 disc, 12', \$2200; JD 235 disc 26', \$2800; Forest City ripper hipper, 4 row, \$2500; JD corn-head gear boxes, complete, \$300. Derek Dauzat, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-5386.

Ford 7810S, 90 hp, 835 hrs., w/canopy & Woods loader, model 255 w/quick attach bucket & fork, \$21,500. Jim Hatfield, Ponchatoula, 70454; (985) 386-2115.

JD heavy duty disc, good cond., \$3400. Justin Thompson, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 839-2589.

JD 4400 W generator, 8 hp motor, new, \$750. Gerald Holden, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 795-9239

LK3054 Kioti 30hp, 556 hrs., 4 wd, rear hyd., roll bar, canopy, front brush guard, Cat 1 quick hitch w/6' Bush-Hog brand finishing mower, \$6,500. Kenneth Latiolai, St. Martinville, 70582; (337) 394-4110.

(2) Farmall cab tracs., w/belly mowers, same acc., \$2500/1; JD 2140, good cond., \$11,000. Neal Williams, Rayne, 70578; (337) 788-3355.

274 Int. trac. w/front cultivators, 3 pt. hitch, w/planter, \$3500. Sam McDonald, Sugartown, 70662; (337) 328-8886.

846 New Holland rd. baler, for parts, you pick up; Vermeer 504-C round baler, field ready, \$750. Gene Holbrook, Ragley, 70657; (337) 855-4642.

Weights for cub trac., \$75; belly mounted grader blade for cub trac., \$75; New Holland 6' flair mower, model 918H, \$800. David Schexnayder, Clinton, 70722; (225) 683-4676.

New Holland 851 rd. baler, \$2200; New Holland 851 rd. baler auto tie, \$2700. Charles Braddock, Grayson, 71435; (318) 649-2081.

JD 9910 cotton picker, green top, engine & head in good shape, good tires, \$3500. Judy Green, Rayville, 71269; (318) 728-6966.

5' bush hog, med-coated, \$250. Wendel Henry, Patterson, 70392; (985) 395-6015.

PZ 5 ½' 2-drum hay cutter, new shield & completely reworked, \$2000; hyd. hayforks, \$700, squeeze chute, \$350. Ricky

Booksh, Maringouin, 70757; (225) 806-1032.

Tiller 8' Sidewinder in good shape, 3 pt. hook up, \$1200. Ronald Jones, Gibsland, 71028; (318) 843-6615.

835 Versatile, very good shape, 4 wd, \$10,000; 12 yd., Reynold dirt bucket, \$7500 or \$16,500 for the pair. Ronald Dauzat, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-5323.

3' x 7' Drag harrow, w/teeth on bottom, built on 3 pt. hitch, out of 2 7/8" pipe, \$250. Larry Duhon, Kaplan, 70548; (337) 652-6200.

Case 530 for parts or rebuild, many good parts, diesel engine 188ci, good hyd., p/s, \$1000, firm. Bradley Hardy, Breaux Bridge, 70517; (337) 228-7154.

Track hoe, 1994 Komatsu, low hours, good cond., \$19,500. Herman Ponthier, Marksville, 71351; (318) 563-4540.

MF 165 diesel trac., hyd. fuel, lift & steering systems, reconditioned, \$7350. Edward Zisk, Pearl River, 70452; (985) 863-7909.

Prentice transloader, 210-D on trailer, w/dolley, good cond. a/c, \$9000. Terrell Oubre, St. Martinville, 70582; (337) 394-9211.

Ford 3600 42 hp, diesel, p/s, 8 speed, hyd. lift, runs perfect, \$5200. Lionel Rosaya, Lottie, 70756; (225) 637-3321.

2002 V8, hay rake, used 1 season, like new, \$2000. Ike Nichols, Kinder, 70648; (337) 639-2140.

New Holland, 3 pt. hitch, pto driven hay rake, \$750, or best offer. Peter McKean, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 748-5832.

Int. 140, good cond., w/front cult. frame & quick hitch on back w/tool bar, \$3300. George Monroe, Glenmora, 71433; (318) 659-4907 or (318) 659-4695.

JD 350-C dozer, diesel, 6-way blade, new undercarriage from the pads to bottom rollers, auto shuttle, clean dozer, runs well, \$12,500. Ronald Sharp, Springfield, 70462; (225) 695-3627.

Ford rd. baler, BR1500, \$4000; Vicon cutter, 7' 10" bar, \$1000; Sitrex RP/4 rake, \$500, or \$5000/all. James Carroll, Roseland, 70456; (504) 831-7904.

4 wheel 3 pt. hitch hay rake, \$300; PZ hay fluffer, 3 pt. hitch, \$700. Tommy Johnson, Oakdale, 71463; (318) 335-1478.

Yellow & wh. cub trac., rebuilt motor, new battery, new paint, new rear tires, (2) belly mowers & plow tools, excel. cond. \$2900. Brett Frazier, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 229-3360.

Ford 8N trac., good cond., new rear tires, \$2500; Snapper tiller, rear tine R500, 6hp, Tecumshe engine, \$200. Ernest Albert, Milton, 70558; (337) 856-5726.

JD 4020 w/f, p/s, power shift, 3 pt. bad read, \$2500. E. Johnson, Bunkie, 71322; (318) 346-6789.

Allis Chalmers, XT190, 126 hp, w/8' front blade, extra tires, totally rebuilt engine, svc. manual, \$3000. J. Doherty, Covington, 70435; (985) 809-1213.

7720 JD combine, 4 wd, 18' head-

er, shed kept, \$7000. Chad Duhon, Rayne, 70578; (337) 334-9093.

JD 4640 w/tanks & racks, p/s, \$16,000; 400 bushel Caldwell grain cart, \$1500; 854 Int. corn header, \$1500; Int. 915 combine, \$400; 1100 gal., stainless nurse tank on wheels, \$1200. Dale Moreau, Port Barre, 70577; (225) 673-9797.

Int. 806, butane, 90 hp, tricycle wheels, w/bush hog 3450 QT frontend loader w/hay spear, runs good, great front-end loader, \$4000. Kenneth Loftin, Coushatta, 71019; (318) 932-54063.

6 row Bridger planters, disc opener, wide press wheel, fiberglass hoppers, \$400; 6-row lay by plow, w/wide sweeps for middles, \$300; several cotton trailers 20' - 32', \$100 -\$400. Percell Green, Rayville, 71269; (318) 728-6966.

Trac. in good shape, engine just rebuilt, has great rubber, \$4700; New Holled round baler, auto wrap, kept under barn, in good cond., 852 model, \$2500. Ralph Deason, Leesville, 71446; (337) 392-8350.

2-drum hay tedder/fluffer, \$400. Ralph McKean, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 748-5832.

Troy Bilt chipper, vac, 5 hp, B 5 engine, like new, less than 20 hrs., \$595. Roy Richard. Carencro, 70520; (337) 896-0699.

New dual wheel rims, 14" x 38", snap on, \$300; JD old style front wts., \$75; 7' roller, \$200; 8' chain harrow, \$200. James Casanova, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-7363 or (985) 517-0334.

Hay crimper, conditioner, \$500; elec. bale elevator, \$200; saddle tanks & racks, \$200; bed leveler, \$200. Terry Grady, Batchelor, 70715; (225) 492-3211.

Kuhn mower, \$8500; JD 466 rd. baler, 3 yrs., \$15,000. Josephine Capdeboscq, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-4374.

Int. 140 trac., hi clear, hyd. lift row builders, front tool bar & planters, runs but needs minor work, \$2100. Carroll Gueho, Baton Rouge, 70808; (225) 766-2363.

Bush hog, 5', rebuilt frame, strong, 3 pt. hitch, \$200. Wendel Henry, Patterson, 70392; (985) 395-6015

Ford 6700 trac., w/front-end loader, \$6850; 1994 Ford 5610S, 2/P canopy, \$10,500; IH 1586 c/a, running, \$2500; NH 8' HD disc cutter, \$1695; Woods HD 315 batwing, \$2195; Woods 7', 3 pt. blade, 2 cyl., \$700. R. Coldiron, Jonesville, 71343; (318) 339-7876.

Farmall cub grader blade, planter, row hillers, plow, good cond., \$2000; Ford Dextra, 3 cyl., Perkins diesel, needs work on steering, \$1500. William Boegel, Mandeville, 70471; (985) 626-5324.

6600 Ford, 70 hp, canopy, dual remotes, new clutch & hyd. pump, good clean tractor, \$7450. Herschel Bryant, Colfax, 71417; (318) 627-5117

Satoh S-650-G, 25 hp, gas trac., very good cond., \$3000. Keith

Dupuis, St. Martinville, 70582; (337) 394-6588.

856 IH trac., very good cond., \$6000; 480 Case backhoe, \$8000. Keith Dauzat, Marksville, 71351; (318) 253-5173.

JD sub-soiler type E0900 serial #013194, \$1000; JD saddle tank spray rig, model 220, \$800. Billy Steen, Iota, 70543; (337) 779-2557.

Bush Hog brand front-end loader, model 3226 QT approx. 1 ton, like new, \$2500. Ronnie Hayden, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-7548.

260 Long, very good cond., 2300 hrs., p/s aux. hyd., \$4950; JD 4020, 2 post canopy w/Allied frt. loader, very good, cond, \$12,500; 4 post, 986 IH w/duals, & aux. hyd., 2400 hrs., \$11,500; MF 255 w/5000 hrs., in very good cond., original paint, aux hyd., \$8000. Duane Smith, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 462-2374.

MF, 240 diesel plow, 40 hp, roll bar, seat belts, like new; 3 pt. hitch cultivator, for gardens, \$250; Ernest Webb, Choudrant, 71227; (318) 768-2685.

Int. 1586 trac., for parts, w/tires, \$800. James Stacey, Natchitoches, 71457; (318) 352-3692.

Wanted: square bale accumulator to go behind baler & fork for stacking Hoelscher, lay master or farm hand & JD square baler, 300 series. James Casanova, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-7363 or (985) 517-0334.

Wanted: older model utility trac., 25-40 hp, prefer Ford or Int., reasonable price. James Brown, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 363-1824.

Wanted: Case 530, prefer diesel. Bradley Hardy, Breaux Bridge, 70517; (337) 228-7154 or (337) 501-4001.

Wanted: ditching machine, center or offset. Daniel Richard, Breaux Bridge, 70517; (337) 667-8356.

Wanted: old time 2-wheeled garden trac., walk behind, 3 hp or larger, David Bradley, Simplicity, etc. Louis Wyre, Jr., Bogalusa, 70429; (985) 732-4392.

Wanted: JD, high crop/cane type tractors, 30 series or older, prefer LP-gas or 2520, any condition. Mike Greene, Osceola, WI, 54020; (715) 294-3837.

Wanted: drain cleaner, 3 pt. hook up. Charles Capritto, St. Martinville, 70582; (337) 394-4428.

Wanted: front-end loader for 5000 Ford tractor. Clyde McNeely, Florien, 71429; (318) 586-7345.

Wanted: 5' - 6' flail mower, Glen Stephens, Alexandria, 71315; (318) 448-1594.

Wanted: front-end loader to fit Ford 4000 su. Jim Nobles, Dubach, 71235; (318) 777-8884.



1997 Ford pick-up, bed w/headache rack, \$500, full size bed; toolbox, \$25. Bob Shoalmire, Powhatan, 71066; (318) 352-0355.

GMC diesel suburban, '86 model, ¾ ton, towing package, not running, \$600. Wendel Henry,

Patterson, 70392; (985) 395-6015. **1982 Chev.** diesel truck, w/utility tool bed, runs well, \$1000. James Stacy, Natchitoches, 71457; (318) 352-3692.

Dodge Ram 1500, ½ ton, long bed pickup, 53,000 miles, excel. cond., \$6500. Jerry Reed, Covington, 70433; (985) 892-1704.

1999 Ford F-150 quad cab truck, dark blue, 5 speed, 73,500 miles, excel. cond., \$12,500. Kenneth Thomas, Coushatta, 71019; (318) 932-4123.

'63 Single axle B-61 Mack, w/tulsa wench & 5th wheel, family owned, 106K miles, excel., \$6500. Homer Lindley, Baton Rouge, 70806; (225) 927-0361.

1990 Chevrolet, ³/₄ ton, pickup, \$4500. S. Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

1992 Dodge, ³/₄ ton, reg. cab., 5 speed, std. trans., turbo Cummins diesel, good cond., new Toyo tires, great maintenance records, great work truck, \$5800. Pat Burmaster, Mandeville, 70470; (985) 796-5123.

1982, 4-door, 1 ton, Chevy, new tires, battery & mufflers, needs eng. work, good farm truck, \$2000. J. Janis, Ventress, 70783; (225) 638-7338.

1988 Chevy 1500 Silverado, ext. cab, long body, extra clean, runs great, 350 V-8, overdrive, auto trans., cold air, p/l, p/w, high mileage, but kept like new, \$3800. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5556.

1993 F-350 crew cab, SRW, 351 engine, 124,000 miles, runs & looks good, \$5500. Craig Crow, Denham Springs, 70726; (225) 665-9743.

Turbo charger setup, for '91-'93 F-250 – F-450 7.3 Ford truck. Rob Richardson, Choudrant, 71227; (318) 768-2966.

2001 Dodge 1 ton Cummins diesel truck, ext. cab., sport package, loaded, standard trans., excel. cond., 65,000 miles, \$24,000. Keith Leger, Turkey Creek, 70585; (337) 461-2552 or (318) 452-7577.

1993 XLT F-350 dull, 5 speed, garage kept, excel. cond., 100 gal. drag up tank & tool box, 60,400 orig. miles, \$10,000. J.M. Johnson, Mandeville, 70448; (985) 626-4938.

1993 Chevrolet extended cab., 1 ton, dully, 6.5 turbo diesel, 5 speed trans., gooseneck connection, teal green over silver, very good cond., 98,000 miles, \$7000. Pat Benoit, Breaux Bridge, 70517; (337) 332-3125.

1984 Bronco II XLT, 4 x 4, 4 speed, cruise, air, 100,000 miles, no dents or rust, pos-trac front & rear, good mudgrips, never in woods or mud, \$2250. Carter Carpenter, Denham Springs, 70726; (225) 665-6296.

Ford dump truck, F-700, \$4500. Herman Ponthier, Marksville, 71351; (318) 563-4540.

Wanted: intake manifold for 1964 223, 6 cyl. Ford engine. Ruff Price, Sicily Island, 71368; (318) 389-5562.

Notice...

This could be your last issue! Your Market Bulletin may soon be expiring. Renewal form can be found on page 11.

TRAILERS, WAGONS & EQUIPMENT

- (2) Rubber tired wagons, 4' x 8' hay frame & top, 4' x 12' party wagon, w/back porch & BBQ pit, \$300/1. Tracey & Claude Brock, Greensburg, 70441; (225) 222-3482
- 11' Stock trailer w/4 new tires, \$500. Wayne Covell, Scott, 70583; (337) 232-5347.

1992 Barrett alum. (5)-horse slant stock type trailer, plexiglass openings, front tack & separate dressing room, \$8800. Katherine Pee, Eros, 71238; (318) 249-2897.

New market wagon w/wooden spoke wheels, \$1900. Charles Trapani, Jr., Mandeville, 70471; (985) 892-7662.

- 16' Pull stock trailer, good shape, good tires & spare, med. coated solid floor, divider gate, swing gate & slide door on back, \$2000. Melissa Henry, Patterson, 70392; (985) 395-6015.
- 2000 40' Gooseneck brand flatbed, dual tandem trailer, 10,000, Dexter oil bath axles, V/H (4) wheel disc brakes, hardly used, \$9500, plus extras. Earnest Loftice, Mt. Hermon, 70450; (985) 515-4066.
- (5)-Horse turnbow trailer, \$3000; (4)-horse gurnbow trailer, \$2000; gooseneck trailer hook up, \$75. Bill Hinton, New Orleans, 70119; (504) 482-0946.

1995 factory custom made gooseneck flatbed trailer, 24' x 7' deck, 2 axles, single wheels w/8 lugs, brakes, removable loading ramps & fenders, like new, great for hay, backhoe or forklifts, \$3950. Ed Durr, Jr., Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5556.

Cattle trailer, \$250. T. J. Sarver, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 229-6622.

Cotton trailers, several w/sides & without, different sizes & cond., \$100 - \$400. Percell Green, Jr., Rayville, 71269; (318) 728-6966.

(2)-Horse gooseneck trailer, insulated dressing room, a/c, saddle racks, fans for horses, good cond., \$3000. Mary Leblanc, Prairieville, 70769; (225) 673-2131 or (225) 270-0513.

20' dovetail trailer, bumper pull, treated floor, 5200 lbs, axeles, w/elec. brakes, \$2500. Joseph Catalanotto, Hammond, 70403; (985) 345-8467.

20' Gooseneck factory trailer, 17 ½' deck & 2 ½' dovetail, \$1400. Buddy Easley, Loranger, 70446; (985) 878-2253.

1993 Sooner Living Quarter, 3 horse trailer, 8' x 35', custom floor plan, FRP exterior, generator, garage kept, extras, \$28,000; (2) house trailer, Atlas w/springs & tires, \$250. Webster LeBlanc, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-7182.

(35) Cotton trailers, 8'-10' wide, 24'-40' long, for hauling hay or storing crawfish traps, good to excel. cond., del. avail., \$500 - \$1450. T.L. Enright, Sr., Sicily Island, 71368; (318) 389-5395.

1997 Sun Downer, 3 horse slant rear tack, a/c, dressing, living, awning & microwave in cabin, excel. cond., \$7950. Felix Brown, Bastrop, 71220; (318) 281-9339.

2002, 24K dual tandem trailer, very heavy duty, 102' x 24' + 5' dovetail, almost new, sure-pull, \$7850. Michael Magee, Covington, 70435; (985) 893-8104.

19' Bumper pull, 3 axle trailer, heavy duty, 6 ½', ramps & heavy metal floor, good for small dozer or track hoe, \$1500. E. Ryan, Marksville, 71351; (318) 240-7388.

- **S & H Thundercloud** bumper pull, (2) horse trailer, no rust, \$2500; 66" grater box, new, \$550. M. Duke, Ventress, 70783; (225) 618-2483.
- **16' Gooseneck** brand livestock trailer, new tires, excel. cond., \$1800. Kirk Billeaudeaux, Welsh, 70591; (337) 756-2513.

1997 Lufkin flatbed, aluminum combo, spread axle, A/R, toolbox, winches, 80% rubber 22.5, coil package, \$8750. Jack Hughes, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 229-5022 or (985) 514-0579.

(2) Seated buggy & harness, \$3000; extra shafts, set of draft horse harnesses, studded w/brass knob on hames, \$400; gooseneck covered trailer, new floor, \$3000. Bill Doolittle, Alexandria, 71303; (318) 445-7077.

Flatbed, 11' for a 1 ton, front headache rack, rear fold down rack, 4 – 4" straps & winches on sliders, fold down side panels, 2' high, \$600. Doug White, Walker, 70785; (225) 791-2514.

FARM & LIVESTOCK SUPPLIES

Please include a statement along with your ad indicating how the item has been or can be used on a farm.

Pony harness for medium to large pony, leather, in good cond., \$75. Rebecca McLindon. Bush, 70431; (985) 892-2686.

15" Western saddle, good for trail riding, comes with hackamore & blanket, \$150; Connie Combs barrel saddle, 14" seat, \$250. Dennis Ackerson, Folsom, 70437; (985) 796-5070.

Calf huts, never used, (20) heavy metal & industrial strength plastic, complete w/holders & buckets, ready to use, \$125/1. Barbara White, Franklinton, 70438; (985) 839-0195

Metal barrels w/locking lids, \$10/1. E. H. Welch. Kentwood, 70444; (985) 229-8590.

Blk. metal pipe, 1" sch. 40, 38¢/ft; 1 ¼" sch. 40, 46¢/ft.; 1 ½" sch 40, 56¢/ft.; 2" sch. 40, 80¢/ft. Colton Terrell, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 514-0722.

Used pipe for culverts, 14" x 45', \$315. Rocky Carney, Robeline, 71469; (318) 354-1100.

Galv. panels & pens, reg. duty 50' round pen, 1 7/8" x 16 gauge frame, 1 3/8" 18 gauge bars, includes 4' bow gate, \$820. Michael Passman, Amite, 70422; (985) 748-5094.

Head gate for cattle, excel. cond., used very little, Priefert model 91, \$150. Joyce Strother, Oberlin, 70655; (337) 639-2650.

200 amp, Lincoln welding machine, steel bed & boxes & welding leads, F-350 Ford truck, \$5000. Raymond Burleigh, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 942-7005.

Tipps high pressure sand blaster, w/ cougar valve, water blaster, ball bearing wheels, paid \$400; used once, \$200. Charles Williams, New Orleans, 70124; (504) 482-4990.

New corral panels, 5' x 10', \$40; 4' walk-through gate, \$75; 6' walk-through gate, \$95; 50' round pen, w/4-foot gate, \$675. Carl Barlow, Pride, 70770; (225) 603-5610.

Drainage pipe, 3/8" x 36" pipe, no rust, \$18/ft; 1/2" x 30", \$15/ft; ½" x 26", \$15/ft; 8' x 20" x ½" tank, 8000 gal, no rust, \$800; culverts, 48" x 8', 52" x 8', good, \$100/1. H.M. Normand, Woodworth, 71485; (318) 445-0098.

Farm grain bins, Reid/Joseph, 21' x 18', 15,000 bushel, \$5000. Charles Fontenot, Kinder, 70648; (337) 738-2752.

(1000) 1-Gal. cans, used, in good cond., 5¢/1. James Robin, Sr., 70570; (337) 407-0188.

55-Gal. metal drums, w/lids, \$10/1. M.J. Montagnino, Zachary, 70791; (225) 654-2473.

16' x 7' auto garage door, alum., complete, \$350, or trade for yrlg. calf. Frank Reid, Lacombe, 70445; (985) 882-3532.

Australian stock saddle, all the best of English & Western in one great saddle, gently worn, beautiful, w/great detail work & all the fittings, \$350. Debby Sharbaugh, Ethel, 70722; (225) 683-4919 or (225) 937-0540.

Round pen, constructed of fiber-glass material, each panel is 5' x 12', 50' pen, w/o bow gate, \$995; make as large as needed; add panels for, \$77/1. Larry Fontenot, Lake Charles, 70611; (337) 855-0629.

Fiberglass farm gates, \$73/10', \$79/12'. Deb Fontenot, Lake Charles, 70611; (337) 855-0629.

(1) 10' Cutaway on wheels, \$1000; (1) wagon 21' long w/rubber tires, \$350; 1 – 3 bottom plow, \$300; (1) anvil, furnace & blower, \$300; (1) gas welder on trailer, \$2000; (1) factory 500-gallon butane tank on wheels, \$250, no collect calls. Joseph Melancon, Scott, 70583; (337) 886-0328.

2000 lb. capacity, portable feeders, shop built, on single axle wheels, bumper pull, excel. shape, needs paint, \$700. Stefanie Duhon, Kaplan, 70548; (337) 652-6200.

2 3/8" tubing, 75¢/ft.; 2 7/8" tubing, 85¢/ft.;3 ½" tubing, 95¢/ft.; 7" casing, \$5/ft.; 8 5/8" casing, \$6/ft. Trey Denton, Jena, 71342; (318) 992-4504.

Gates hyd. machine, 110v, crimps, ¼" – 1 ¼", 2 wire hose, \$700/firm. Johnny Morrison, Albany, 70711; (225) 567-1243.

Modular stalls, heavy wooden construction, sliding doors, bars in windows & doors, \$400/1. Keith Rush, Gonzales, 70737; (225) 647-4961 or (225) 937-8024.

800' of 5" heavy wall pipe, \$3.5/ft.; (900) joints ³/₄" sucker rods, \$8/1 or \$9/1 delivered. T.L. Enright, Sicily Island, 71368; (318) 389-5395.

Reynolds scraper, model 12P, serial# 11477, \$4000; good used tires, (2) 23.1" x 26", \$100/1; (2) 28"L x 26", \$500/1; (2) 18.4" x 34", \$350/1; (1) 18.4" x 26", \$100; (2) hyd. cyd., 36" stroke, 1 ½" shaft, in good cond., \$200. Jonas Schmidt, DeRidder, 70634; (337) 463-5770.

Cattle guard, 8' x 16', railroad iron w/wings, shop built, never installed, \$350. Chris Douget, Ville Platte, 70586; (337) 363-6763.

24' x 30' metal building, 10' x 8' roll up door, 3070 door, 26 gauge, 30 yr. warranty panels, \$4450. Todd Maglone, Slaughter, 70777; (225) 654-4711.

Bodenhamer model 450 squeeze chute, w/wheels & palp. cage, like new, cost \$3760, asking, \$3000. Bob Martin, Pineville, 71360; (318) 640-5019.

712 vac/loader, Kohler gas engine, 3' – 10' vacuum hoses, for collecting & spreading shavings or leaves, portable unit, \$900. Doug White, Walker, 70785; (225) 791-2514.

16" Hereford roping saddle, great cond., \$400; 15" handmade barrel racing saddle, great cond. \$300. Charles Simoneaux, Port Allen, 70767; (225) 627-4630.

20-Gal air compressor, 5 hp, 220 v., \$75. E. Johnson, Bunkie, 71322; (318) 346-6789.

Cattle gates, \$25; bird cages, \$100; hay rack, \$20; fence posts, 50¢/1; aluminum siding & roofing, remove & its yours, T. J. Sarver, Kentwood, 70444; (985) 229-6622.

60-Gal. alum. fuel tank, \$200, corrugated tin, 22 ½', \$15/1, (2) house trailer axles, tires & springs, \$250/both; (2) galvanized pontoons, 2 ½' x 8', \$200/both. Webster LeBlanc, Abbeville, 70510; (337) 893-7182 or (337) 519-3420.

1999 Club Car, carryall, golf cart, w/pump bed, gas engine, w/water-proof cover, 500 hrs., like new, \$3000. Milton Vaughn, Plaquemine, 70764; (225) 545-8598.

(1) Double tress, (2) single tress draft horse, Bodark wood, new, \$150; (1) Texas tan saddle, 16", \$550; (1) Herford saddle, 15", \$600, new cond. Bill Doolittle, Alexandria, 71303; (318) 445-7077.

Pecan tree sprayer, 1996 Savage 5540 pto sprayer, 1000 rpm, well maintained, ready to spray, w/work lights & wash down hose, \$3500. Thomas Norman, Alexandria, 71302; (318) 448-3139.

Wanted: used 2-gal nursery cans, in Opelousas area. James Robin, Opelousas, 70570; (407-0188.

Wanted: 8' pasture aerator w/wheels. Linda Helo, Crowley, 70526; (337) 788-4002.

Wanted: one man well digger, small to medium shop metal lathe, milling machine, aluminum shelter, 3 in one mill drill, lathe, all any cond. H. Bordelon, Coushatta, 71019; (318) 932-6135.

FROM THE FARM

(200) 50 lb. onion sacks, 10¢/1. E. Johnson, Bunkie, 71322; (318)346-6789.

Commercial sewing machine, for heavy material, w/walking foot, \$700; three level Yamaha organ, \$600. Charles Trapani Jr., Mandeville, 70471; (985) 892-7662.

Handmade gentle soap, pure ingredients, olive oil, rosemary, castile, tea tree, lavander, rose, honey, oatmeal, lemongrass, gardeners, peppermint shampoo, \$3.5/1 3.5-4 oz. Sandra Bullock, Westlake, 70669; (337) 436-0579.

Pine lumber, old growth, green 1x boards, ranging from 8" to 16" wide & 8" to 16' long, \$1-\$1.5/bd. ft. Jo Miller, Walker, 70785; (225) 667-8765.

Goat milk soap, handmade, skin soothing, many varieties, all natural ingredients, \$4/1 5oz – 6oz bar. Kathleen Matte, Opelousas, 70570; (337) 543-7130.

Wanted: old time fox horn, in good cond., Liz Towns, Gibsland, 71028; (318) 843-6255.

Wanted: service for hire, dozer & backhoe work at \$55/hrs.; hauling avail at \$6.5/mile. Wayne Ward, Saline, 71070; (318) 576-9913 or (318) 471-9273 or email, 179erma@bellsouth.net.

Wanted: old grist mill or old mill stones, any size. Richard Eaves, Demopolis, 36732; (334) 289-8906.

FAIRS & FESTIVALS

'My Feathered Friends' Bird club will host its ninth annual bird fair, Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., March 15 & 16, at the Rapides Parish Coliseum Hall. For more information email Earl Hoadley at myfeatheredfbc@people.com.

Iowa rabbit festival, gates open at 5:00 p.m. Friday and 10:00 a.m. Sat. & Sun. March 14, 15 & 16, at the Lawrence Toups, Jr., Memorial Park (formally Iowa city Park). For more information contact iowarabbitfestival@yahoo.com orJennifer Kershaw at (337) 433-8475.

North La. Poultry Club's Spring Show, March 8, at the fair grounds in Haynesville, large fowl & bantams. For more information call (318) 949-0018.



Boudreaux & Marie getting what they pay for in Louisiana

Marie sends Boudreaux to the Piggly Wiggly to buy groceries. He picks up a 10-pound bag of Cajun Queen rice, a loaf of French bread, a gallon of Louisiana milk and a one-pound bag of crawfish tails.

When he arrives at the check out, he pulls out his scale and begins to carefully weigh each item. "Mais, Boudreaux, whatcha doing wit' dat scale?" the clerk asks.

"I'm checking dat to make sure I get Marie ten pounds of rice. She gon' be mad if its not 10 pounds, yeah. She needs to make a big jambalaya."

"Mais, Boudreaux, you don't have to do dat! Dem fellas from the Department of Agriculture and Forestry come and check all de scales in Louisiana. If it's got the Agriculture sticker on it you know it's got 10 pounds in it, I gar-ronh-tee."

Boudreaux notwithstanding, imagine that if every time consumers here and around the nation ran to the grocery store or stopped for gasoline, they had to bring along scales and other measuring devices to make certain they got their fair share for each purchase based on weight, volume, measure, or some other quantity. That's about half of all

consumer transactions, enough to grind the \$10 trillion U.S. economy to a halt.

To acknowledge the essential contributions of these behind-the-scenes performers, March 1-7, 2003, has been designated

National Weights and Measures Week. The annual tribute marks the 204th anniversary of the signing of the first weights and measures law in the United States on March 2, 1799.

More than 40 inspectors of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry's Division of Weights and Measures travel throughout the state checking the

accuracy of gasoline pumps, grocery store scanners, home improvement gauges, meat scales, produce scales, grain elevators and even taxi cab meters.

Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner

National Weights and Bob Odom said it's an important part of what Measures Week. The the department does.

"We make sure that our Louisiana consumers are getting what they pay for," Odom

The cumulative costs of even tiny measurement inaccuracies can be enormous. The National Conference of Weights and Measures, a professional organization, estimates that an error of slightly more than 1 tablespoon per 5 gallons at the gas pump equals a charge of \$125 million annually that, depending on the direction of the error, is borne either by consumers or retailers.

"We're proud to recognize our dedicated professionals in the department's Weights and Measures Division," Odom said. "They help to make sure Louisiana's marketplace runs smoothly."

Fees credited to producers

Following a sharp drop in producer income stemming from weather related losses in 2002, the Louisiana Sweet Potato Commission approved a 25 percent reduction in state fees sweet potato farmers must pay for promotion and the weevil program for 2003.

"I asked the Sweet Potato Commission to consider the reduction and they approved it in mid-January," said Louisiana Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Bob Odom.

Odom said in a letter to farmers informing them of the fee reduction, "I realize many of you may have lost considerably more than 25 percent, but we must address the

situation as to what will best serve the industry as a whole."

Damage from Tropical Storm Isidore and Hurricane Lili as well as rains during October and November caused large losses to the state's \$103 million sweet potato industry.

"I know some of you are faced with tough decisions about your business and its ability to remain profitable," Odom said.

"I will continue to press the current national administration for disaster relief for America's farms and rural communities until something is done for you," he added.

The fee adjustment will come from average yield per acre estimates.

Corn producers listen to Master Farmer expert

Calling it "the last step before mandatory controls by the Environmental Protection Agency," a watershed agent with the LSU AgCenter urged corn farmers to enroll in the Master Farmer Program

"We need to show that agriculture is doing something to reduce the impact on water quality," Gary Stockton, with the AgCenter's Calhoun Research Station, told farmers at the annual corn forum in Rayville recently.

"Our biggest concern is getting told, 'This is what you have to do.'"

The Master Farmer Program teaches farm specific practices that reduce the sediments, nutrients and pesticides draining into Louisiana's bayous, lakes and rivers.

The three-stage process begins with an eight-hour instructional class on a variety of environmental issues with a follow-up four-hour session. Visits to a model farm that is using recommended methods and further study on agricultural production and farm management must also be completed to receive full Master Farmer status. Participants receive a certificate of completion for each component completed.

Stockton said research by the AgCenter is specific for Louisiana. Research done in other states with different topography and commodity situations "may work great in Colorado and Wyoming, but may not do anything here but cost money."

Some of the practices include taking low-yielding land out of production and replacing it with filter strips and constructed wetlands that can be used for hunting, fishing and other wildlife habitats.

Stockton said that some of the new farm bill money would be available for the conservation



Gary Stockton

programs.

"The new farm bill offers big incentives to farmers who practice conservation. In fact it's the largest commitment of resources in the form of cost sharing, land rental and wetlands incentives on private land ever," he said.

Stockton said an 18-parish area bigger than the state of Maryland drains into the Ouachita Basin with only four cities with populations larger than 10,000.

"Most of it is rural and agricultural and agriculture is being looked at as the industry causing the problems and we're the ones that will be pressured into making changes," Stockton said.

Farmers will want to enter the program because they're businessmen.

"They can look to the future and see legislation being enacted in other states. They can see that environmental legislation can be costly and could hold up time-specific pesticide applications," Stockton said.

"They're looking at economic benefits, productive benefits and they're looking at benefits from the public not looking at them as the bad guy," Stockton said

"The Master Farmer Program is one of the most important things our producers need to be involved in," said Stockton. "They're stewards of the land."

Global issues affect fertilizer production

Uncertainty concerning the strike by oil workers in Venezuela, a potential war with Iraq and natural gas prices will all impact fertilizer production and prices, an economist with CF Industries said in Lafayette at the Louisiana Ag Industries Association convention held in January.

David Asbridge of CF Industries said the most crucial aspect of the three is natural gas production.

"We're going to see inventory drop below average which is going to keep that premium built into natural gas prices and keep them up at the \$5 level," he said.

Asbridge said demand continues to increase but production capacity has dropped.

"If you look back to 1995 production levels and the 2003 production capacity you see that's part of the problem," Asbridge said

"They've closed a lot of old wells. They haven't kept up with the growth in demand with a comparable growth in production," he

A war in Iraq could affect natural gas prices and bring gas prices over the \$5 mcf level.

If that happens Asbridge said many plants would simply shut down because it's too expensive to operate.

"But the best cure for high prices is high prices," said Asbridge, meaning high prices will lead to more production which will bring prices back down.

"I don't think gas prices are going to go down to the \$2 or \$3 level," he said.

"The bottom line is this year farmers are probably going to have to pay more for nitrogen fertilizers than they would if these three main uncertainties weren't out there," Asbridge said.

Happy
St. Patrick's Day
from the Market Bulletin
Staff!

Positive news for La. corn farmers

Corn farmers should expect slightly higher market prices for 2003, an LSU AgCenter specialist told farmers at the North Louisiana Corn Forum in Rayville recently.

Lower domestic supplies for 2002, stronger domestic demand, primarily for ethanol, lower ending

stocks and low world supplies explain the optimism, said Dr. Kurt Guidry, an economist with the



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Louisiana State University AgCenter in Baton

Rouge.
"This is the first time I've been

able to get in front of a group and have something positive to say," Guidry said.
"We have had reduced acreage and lower yields per acre, about

and lower yields per acre, about 130 bushels per acre, down from about 138 bushels in previous years," he said.

Guidry said drought and weather problems in some of the major growing areas caused the lower yields, "but we've been slowly eating into ending stocks.

"Really and truly, we're at production levels that we probably could see improved prices just from that, had demand been a little bit stronger," Guidry said.

"Plus, there's been tremendous ethanol expansion production in the last two years," he said.

Similar situations have occurred on the world market as well, Guidry said.

"The only problem to that is we've seen increased production from some of our chief competitors: China, Argentina and Brazil," he said.

"Domestically, we will probably see some increase in corn acreage mainly because the price outlook is just as good as the price of any other competing commodities as it stands right now.

"The general mood out there a month ago was to take land out of cotton and put into corn and soybean," he said.

"Producers have a relatively short term memory when it come to 'What did I have that was successful last year?' The last two years have been relatively good in terms of corn yield," Guidry said.

Grain sorghum prices also look strong, added Guidry.

"Normally we see grain sorghum prices at about 85 percent the value of corn, but over the last two years sorghum prices have been every bit as strong," Guidry said.

The high market value predictions, coupled with planting and production costs, roughly half that of corn, will most likely lead to increased grain sorghum planting, he said.

Coming Your Way

Angus heifer sale March 8 at LSUA

The Louisiana Angus Association will hold its annual female sale at noon March 8 at the LSU AgCenter Dean Lee Research Center at LSU Alexandria.

The association will be selling 60 lots of quality black Angus pairs, bred and open heifers.

For more information and a free American catalog, contact Livestock Brokers at (662) 837-4904 or email alb@dixie-net.com.

Horse show, rodeo at Houma arena

The Terrebonne Livestock & Agricultural Fair Association will host its first open horse show at 9 a.m. March 9 at the Houma Airbase Arena

The show will begin with judged events, and speed events will not start before noon. Forty-two high point of the day awards will be

For more information, call (985) 532-9972 or (985) 665-1005.

The association will also host its third Winter Series Rodeo at 7 p.m. March 5 at the Houma Airbase Arena. Slack begins at 2

For more information or to sign up, call (985) 594-7545.

Bull sale March 15

The Louisiana Bull Testing Association and the LSU AgCenter will sponsor the 42nd performance tested bull sale at 1 p.m. March 15 at the Dean Lee Research Station Showbarn in Alexandria.

Approximately 25-35 bulls that have met the requirements will be offered for sale. There will be several breeds of screened yearlings and a few 16- to 18-month-old

Performance data will be available on all bulls. Some will have Breeding Soundness Exams and carcass ultrasound data.

For more information, contact Danny Coombs at 318-473-6528.

Sale in W. Monroe

The Miss-Lou Simmental, Simbrah sale will be held at 1 p.m. March 29 at the Ike Hamilton Expo Center in West Monroe.

Bulls, pairs, bred and open heifers, show prospects and some percentages will be available in black and red.

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News around the nation

Agriculture & Forestry issues from across the 50 states

Washington approves fungicide to combat mold in mushrooms

The Washington State Department of Agriculture has notified mushroom growers that a fungicide called "Topsin" has been temporarily approved to combat green mold, a disease that can destroy mushroom crops.

The announcement followed a review by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Topsin, which contains the active ingredient thiophanate-methyl, is used to protect fruit and vegetable crops. The approval allows mushroom growers to blend Topsin into the growing compost used to raise mushrooms to help control green mold.

Mushrooms rank 28th among Washington's top 40 agricultural commodities. During the 2001-2002 growing season, Washington produced about 12.5 million pounds of mushrooms with a value of \$16.7 million. Mushroom production is a significant employer in Thurston County with some 200 employees.

EPA registers pesticides for specific uses. And, WSDA regulates the distribution and use of pesticides in Washington. Topsin is registered for use in this state on a variety of crops, including apples, beans, cherries, melons, onions, squash, strawberries and wheat.



The American Mushroom Institute asked WSDA last fall to seek an exemption from EPA that would allow growers to use Topsin on mushrooms. The exemption is needed because the company that manufactures Benlate, the only fungicide registered for mushrooms that effectively controls green mold, discontinued the product in 2001.

This is the first exemption WSDA has requested for the mushroom industry.

To gain EPA's approval for an exemption, WSDA had to demonstrate that an emergency condition

The condition must be urgent and non-routine, and must meet three criteria: 1) no effective registered pesticide is available to control the pest, 2) no economically or environmentally feasible alternative practices are available, and 3) the situation involves introduction of a new pest, will present significant risks to human health or the environment, or cause significant economic loss.

Prior to submitting a request to EPA, WSDA also had to determine the proposed use will not cause unreasonable adverse effects to human health or the environment

Kentucky sends Ski soft drinks to Cuba



Cubans who fell in love with the taste of Ski in September will soon get the chance to share it with friends and family as the Kentuckymade soft drink becomes the first of many agriculture products to be shipped to the island nation from the Bluegrass.

The shipment of Ski is part of a \$7 million agreement that Agriculture Kentucky Commissioner Billy Ray Smith and Pedro Alvarez, head of Cuba's food import agency, signed last September. Under the pact, Cuba will purchase processed foods, meats, tobacco and tobacco products, wood products and other items from Kentucky producers.

Containers of Ski and Diet Ski, canned in Elizabethtown, should be on their way to Cuba later this month. The company and its broker, J. Primm & Associates of Louisville, hope for additional commitments. This first shipment represents about \$35,000 in sales.

"We are excited to see another product in what we know will be a long line of Kentucky products heading to Cuba," Commissioner Smith said. "I am pleased that the Kentucky Department of Agriculture was able to play a role in making this trade agreement a reality."

"Cuba is a great opportunity for us," said John Primm, president of Primm & Associates. "Cuba's 11 million consumers and growing tourism industry mean that cracking this market is our No. 1 international priority."

The sale resulted from an exhibit of Ski at the KDA booth during the U.S.

Agribusiness Expo in Havana last fall, said Primm, who attended the historic trade show.

There was significant Cuban interest at the show, and Ski representatives were able to make contact with the proper agencies to complete the deal, he said.

"We are very pleased with the leadership and initiative that the Kentucky Department Agriculture has shown to make this trade agreement possible," said Alnoor Dhanani, president of Double-Cola Co. USA, Ski's parent company.

The soft drink will retail in dollar stores, tourist hotels and restaurants. Some Ski will also be made available in vending machines throughout Havana.

Cuba spends more than \$1 billion on food imports a year, and that is expected to climb to \$1.5 billion by 2005. Only \$133 million, or 13.3 percent, of the total comes from the

tive and organic crops in Kansas grows," said Gary Meyer, manager of the pesticide and fertilizer pro-

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organic crops

Growers of organic and sensitive

crops can now post their crop loca-

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Agriculture's pesticide and fertiliz-

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gram. "With that expansion comes increased concern that sensitive and organic crops will be impacted by pesticide drift."

The most common herbicidesensitive crops in Kansas are cotton, grapes, tomatoes, and fruit and nut trees. Exposure to minute concentrations of some of the more commonly used hormone-type herbicides can result in crop failure. Organic growers stand to lose their USDA certified organic status if any type of pesticide, including insecticides and fungicides, are detected in their crops.

Meyer hopes that by making sensitive and organic crop locations available to applicators via the Internet, opportunities for drift will be reduced.

Mouse infestation causes Georgia facility to close

A severe mouse infestation has led the Georgia Department of Agriculture to temporarily close a Camilla facility storing pecans.

"The Department is withholding nearly 1.5 million pounds of unshelled pecans from sale," said



Georgia Commissioner of Agriculture Tommy Irvin.

The nuts had been kept in age units at

Camilla Commodity Services, Inc. The nuts are owned by Southwest Nut Company of Fabens, Texas.

"This was an unlicensed facility," said Commissioner Irvin. "The Food and Drug Administration received a tip about it and reported it to us. We immediately sent an inspector to investigate. What we found was appalling. It was one of the worst infestations I have ever seen. It appears that all these nuts will have to be destroyed."

Avian influenza detected in fowl on Maine farm

A non-pathogenic strain of avian together and act quickly to stop this appraisinfluenza was detected in a flock of about 2,800 ducks, pheasants and geese in February on a farm in Warren, Maine.

"We were notified of the positive preliminary tests by the USDA. However we've had a quarantine in place since our vet took samples," Commissioner Robert W. Spear of Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, said. "It is critical to our poultry industry that we work in its tracks."

The farm supplies birds primarily to the live markets in New England. The flock was tested as a result of trace backs from a live bird market in Boston that was reported positive. The Maine Department of Agriculture is continuing its monitoring to ensure bio-security measures are in place.

This strain is not lethal for birds. however the disease can spread easily among birds. Following an

al, the departm e n t will take the necessary measures to

depopulate the flock early next week, with assistance from USDA officials. The farm will remain under quarantine until cleaning and disinfection is complete.

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New chicken composting process promising for poultry producers

Poultry farmers in the state may soon have another tool to deal with dead chicken waste if state officials approve a new in-vessel composting method.

A prototype composter and new technique are currently being tested by Wilson Poultry Farms in Claiborne Parish near Homer.

Poultry is the largest livestock industry in Louisiana generating nearly \$1 billion in 2001.

Steve Wilson's farm of 125,000 chickens can create 100-150 pounds

of dead birds daily, which roughly equals 7,000 pounds during the 58d a y



Steve Wilson

growth cycle. Losses of stressed chicks during the growing period are generally at five percent, but can go higher in times of extreme temperature.

"In the summertime, when it's really hot, we'll have losses up to 12 percent and sometimes a catastrophic loss of whole houses," Wilson said.

State regulations mandate that dead poultry must be either incinerated or composted.

Wilson said he had been working with the in-vessel unit, manufactured by Professional Composter Inc. of Mississippi, for four months and was very pleased with the results.

"It is working extremely well," Wilson said.

"We're going to run tests on the composted material to find out if we killed all the pathogens," he said. "If those tests come out the way I think they will this machine will be on go for Louisiana. It will give us another approved way to compost and dispose of the chickens. Incineration is very expensive," he said.

Wilson said a temperature average of more than 130 degrees is needed for three consecutive days to kill all the harmful bacteria in the chicken waste.

The barrel-like unit looks like an aboveground gasoline tank with a huge chain-driven sprocket mounted on one end. A door opening on the side allows carcasses and carbon material to be added to the composter easily.

To get the finished product, carcasses are added daily, along with water and a carbon source, usually wood shavings or chips. Even leaves can be used.

"We used ground up trees, leaves, limbs, bark," Wilson said. "That works real good because it gives us a readily available source of carbon plus the big chips keep it aerated."

Wilson said very little water is added because the chicken meat generally provides enough dampness to keep the compost material moist and decaying.

The chain-driven sprocket rotates the barrel for about ten minutes whenever batches of carcasses are added.

A sled placed underneath the unit catches the rotted material, which is pulled away by a small tractor and easily spread across an open field where it soon becomes a soil amendment.

As the compost steamed in the winter air, a few leg bones and a feather were visible in the mix, but nothing else remotely resembling a chicken is apparent.

David Schellinger, lab manager of the W. A. Callegari Environmental Research Center in Baton Rouge, said the manufacturers recommend that the birds remain in the unit for seven days after the last batch is added.

"You turn it for the first three days and just leave it for the last four days, but you may have to turn it and keep it actively going for a longer period of time because the chickens at the end of the cycle are larger," he said.

Wilson said the composter could be cost effective if the expense is shared by the state.

"It will cost the farmer about \$13,000. For a farmer to buy and use one would not be a real good deal for him unless the state helped out," he said.

"If the state did that, then it would solve our problem and be safe for the environment," Wilson said.

State Veterinarian Dr. Maxwell Lea said, "It's a promising process."

But Lea said preliminary test results for the state Livestock Sanitary Board indicate that the composting cycle may need to be longer to eliminate all recognizable parts, including leg bones.

"What we'd really like to see established is a 'cookbook' technique so simple that the average person would know how to work it," he said.







Union Parish County Agent Matt Stephens closes the door of the chicken composter (clockwise from top left) turned by a huge chain-driven sprocket which dumps the composted material into a removable sled. A leg bone and feather failed to break down completely. Assistant State Veterinarian Martha Littlefield takes samples for testing. Steve Wilson pulls a steaming sled of compost from under the holding barrel.

